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**President's Attack
On Television Seen
As Planned Move**

A brief exchange between President Nixon and a C.B.S. News television producer before the President's Oct. 26 press conference raises the possibility that his now-famous attack on the news media may have been less spontaneous than it seemed.

The television pool producer of the conference Sid Feders, had some words with the President just before its start, and he later advised his immediate superior that the President's behavior suggested that he "fully intended some critical words" aimed at Walter Cronkite, C.B.S. News anchorman, or at C.B.S. itself.

In a memorandum dated Oct. 31 to William Small, head of the C.B.S. News Washington bureau, Mr. Federswrote that as the President started to walk into the East Room for the

news conferenc, he remarked, "Cronkite's not going to like this, tonight, I hope."

Mr. Feders stated parenthetically in the memo that the "I hope" was a barely audible aside.

Mr. Feders said the President had engaged him in conversation as he waited outside the East Room for the conference to begin, and the producer reported to Mr. Small his impression that "the conversation took a decidedly less friendly tone" when he identified himself as "with C.B.S."

When the President asked him how much time remained until the news conference, Mr. Feders said he showed him the stop watch and read off that he had 15 seconds to go. He related that the President made "some facetious comment about how precise, exact or accurate we are."

It was then, as he began to walk into the room, that the President made the comment about Mr. Cronkite, and Mr. Feders said that the attack on TV therefore, came as no surprise to him.