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Echoing President Nixon's statement that "one year of Watergate is enough," press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday he would stop a nswering Watergaterelated questions and focus on "the business of government."

The only exception to his new rule, he said, will be occasions when he believes a formal statement is necessary or when the President's counsel wishes to "provide relevant answers."

Ziegler made his comment after a lengthy questionand-answer session on Presidential tapes and other issues related to charges of scandal in the administration.

"It is the very firm determination — indeed, it is a fact — that we are not going to proceed day in and day out through 1974 answering questions and consuming ourselves with Watergate affairs.

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