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The regular morning White House briefing for reporters has been postponed several times during the day. It's now supposed to get under way within the hour. I'm Douglas Edwards, reporting on the CBS radionetwork.

After yesterday's Presidential conference with his top speech writers and with lawyer James St. Clair, there's an air of expectation in Washington. The White House isn't talking except to say President Nixon is not going to resign or step aside under the 25th Amendment. CBS News White House correspondent Dan Rather reports that administration sources have told him that one purpose of that Presidential meeting yesterday was to consider the advisability of possibly issuing a news statement in which Mr. Nixon would separate his defense from that of his former chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman.

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