

Goldwater Calls Two TV

Washington

Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) took the Senate floor yesterday afternoon to denounce two television news reports concerning him which he said were "two damned lies."

The senator's office later issued a statement citing what it said were the news reports referred to by Goldwater. The statement said that NBC had reported that

Goldwater visited the White House Tuesday night and was refused admission.

The statement also said that Bob Clark, an ABC commentator, reported that Goldwater had told him that President Nixon was going to resign.

Goldwater made his remarks on the Senate floor before he went to the White House in late afternoon.

Asked for comment on the

remarks, an NBC spokesman said: "The senator is mistaken. NBC did not report that he had visited the White House and was refused admission. What NBC News did report was that Senator Goldwater wanted to arrange a meeting with President Nixon but that the meeting was not arranged. We stand on that report."

An ABC spokesman, asked for comment, said: "Clark

Reports 'Damned Lies'

has been in touch with his original source. The source says he was wrong in assuming Senator Goldwater was involved. The source still says he believes the President has made it clear to congressional sources that he will resign."

Clark, whose original report was read by correspondent Frank Reynolds on ABC-TV, later went on the ABC Radio network and

apologized to Goldwater for "erroneously connecting" him with the resignation story.

In his Senate speech, Goldwater looked into the press galleries and denounced "two damned lies that have appeared on NBC this morning and ABC this afternoon, having to do with my supposed visit to the White House last night and being turned away.

"I haven't been at the White House in about two weeks and have not seen the President since May 5 or May 10," Goldwater said on the floor.

Unless reporters do better than that, Goldwater said. "God help us.

"You're a rotten bunch," he said in conclusion. The remark drew applause from a portion of the audience in the visitors' gallery.

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