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Part of a conversation between President Nixon and Ronald L. Ziegler in the Oval Office between 11:33 am and 11:38 am on May 5, 1971.

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President: Now, be sure to take a continuing, very firm line that I've, uh, I've, I've, uh, police people, Justice, ya know, [unintelligible] Washington, *et cetera*.

Ziegler: Dealt with it in a competent, appropriate way.

President: Competent, [unintelligible] competent, it was very competent, and, uh, competent and effective, and, uh, [unintelligible] newsmen were caught in the net, well, fine 'em. They were there 'n' they wanted to be caught. Ya know what I mean?

Ziegler: They were there coverin' it. Yeah, yeah, I, I don- --

President: Uh, the Chief --.

Ziegler: -- uh, but some --.

President: Let me say, let me say that's a good subject for us to be on.

Ziegler: [Unintelligible].

President: Just keep on it. Let the people, on this one the press again has misjudged. They think they are hurtin' us by, by, uh, playin' up these bastards.

Ziegler: I'm not gonna back away from that, uh, posture at all.