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WASHN ADD RICHARDSON (117)

DEPUTY ATTY. GEN. WILLIAM P. RUCKELSHAUS GAVE THAT IMPRESSION AS HE TALKED BRIEFLY WITH REPORTERS AFTER LEAVING A DAY OF MEETINGS WITH RICHARDSON AND OTHER TOP ADVISERS IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

RUCKELSHAUS WAS ASKED RICHARDSON'S STATUS AND REFERRED REPORTERS TO A WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE LATER TONIGHT.

ASKED IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH RICHARDSON'S RESIGNATION, RUCKELSHAUS REPLIED, "WELL, IT MIGHT."

HE BRUSHED ASIDE FURTHER QUESTIONS AS HE ENTERED HIS CAR TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.

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I EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON, A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID RICHARDSON DID NOT AGREE WITH THE WATERGATE TAPES COMPROMISE PUT OUT BY THE WHITE HOUSE."

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