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Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. Haldeman, and Ronald L. Ziegler in the Oval Office between 3:03 pm and 3:05 pm on April 26, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-17

President: How'd you get along with your line on the demonstrators this morning?

Ziegler: Fine. I just low-keyed it.

President: Good.

Ziegler: And, uh --.

President: Very good. [Unintelligible] just the way you [unintelligible].

Ziegler: Little bit. Helen Thomas, uh, uh, asked the question on what's the White House reactions, normal thing, and I repeated the line as we discussed it.

President: Good. I think you're --.

Ziegler: Didn't give, give them any quotes as to the President was pleased it was peaceful and, uh, kept going back to general guidelines --.

President: [Unintelligible] politics. I'll let him know when I'm ready. [Unintelligible].

Ziegler: In other words, uh, to, uh, approach it in a way that would not bring about violence and, uh, understanding that people have a right to express themselves - the line we've been using all along. I didn't deviate from that. They tried to get me into a little bit about the Justice Department action, and I said the, bridged off

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that line again and said that it was left to the various departments, and it, it ended up in a way that there was no confrontation on the Mall. They were leading me back to the Mall. So I don't think I gave them any new news as such, any quotes.

President: Good.

Ziegler: [clears throat] Would, would be old quotes.

President: That's absolutely the best way to do it.