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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH JAMES HAGERTY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Hagerty telephoned the Secretary at 9:30 this morning with reference to a story carried by both AP and UP that the Pope had intervened in the Rosenberg case. The Secretary checked with the staff in his office, who had just convened for the regular meeting, and told him that we had not received any communication from the Vatican on the matter.

Mr. Hagerty asked the Secretary's advice as to what he could say at his 10:30 Press Conference and the Secretary suggested that he say that neither the White House nor the State Department had any knowledge of the matter except for the press report and nothing could be said about it.

Both stories stressed that the Pope had made the appeal "some time before the President announced his decision".



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