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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

By now I presume you have heard about the widespread power failure here in the Northeast -- with lights flickering as far south as Washington, and lights out here in New York, in nearby New Jersey, upstate in New York, also in New England -- including Boston -- and as far north as Toronto, CANADA.

I've just been driven across town to the CBS studios on West Fifty Seventh street. Rather an eerie experience driving thru New York traffic with all lights out -- streets jammed with people trying to get home. All this happening at the rush hour. And in hundreds of cities and towns. Not even in war time has there ever been anything like this.

Everyone asking, why? Why such a widespread electric power failure occur? How is such a thing possible? Thousands

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marooned in subways and on trains. Planes in the air with lights out at airports. So how will they land?

In a few hours I suppose we'll know all about it. But at the moment this seems to be one of the most unusual things ever to happen to so many communities and to so many millions of people.

Ah, here it is -- here is what happened: Robert Ginna, President of Rochester Gas and Electric Company says a major and serious mechanical breakdown of power transmission has occurred on the line connecting Buffalo with the Niagra Falls electrical project causing a broad section of the Northeast to be blacked-out. This has been confirmed by AT&T.

Here in New York, Consolidated Edison says it hopes to have power on within an hour -- some auxiliary system Consolidated Edison has.

IKE

At any rate if you are interested -- shall we take a look at the news -- the news that seemed to be important until this wierd blackout descended upon us.

There is good news tonight -- from Augusta, Georgia. Former President Eisenhower -- reported in "very satisfactory condition." The chest pains he suffered early today -- all gone. Doctors advising that if indeed, he suffered another heart attack -- as first feared -- "it was a mild one." In any case, a definite diagnosis is expected to take twenty four to thirty six hours.

In the meantime the still rugged seventy-five-year-old Ike remains confined to an ocygen tent -- as a precaustionary measure. His wife Mamie and his son John -- there with him; with full government facilities at the disposal of General Ike and his family -- including doctors and planes -- by order of President Johnson.

Along with that order -- a personal telegram to the former

President -- reflecting the sentiment of the nation. LBJ

noting that tens of "millions of Americans -- joined by tens
of millions of people throughout the world -- are saying,
'Get well, Mr. President.'" And so say we.

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VIET NAM

While = On the other side of the globe --

Victorious American paratroopers today continued a sweep -- through that notorious Zone D for Death in Viet Nam. After a bloody jungle battle -- that saw them cut to pieces a full regiment of uniformed Communist regulars.

The paratroopers on a routine search-and-destroy mission -- when they were hit from all sides. Badly outnumbered -- they were twice encircled -- and twice they beat back the Viet Cong. A final Communist suicide attack -- shattered by artillery and air support.

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INDONESIA

In Jakarta -- another massive demonstration today,
perhaps the biggest anti-Communist rally -- ever held anywhere
in the world.

A horde of Indonesians -- representing six major
political parties and forty-six mass organizations -- jamming
Jakarta's Banteng Square, to press demands for a ban on the
Communist Party -- for its "clear involvement" in the attempted
coup of October One.

The crowd estimate put at anywhere from a hundred
thousand -- to nearly a million-and-a-half people.

PHILIPPINES

Ferdinand E. Marcos -- the Philippines' most decorated soldier of World War Two -- took a commanding lead tonight over incumbent President Macapagal, in early returns from a Philippine election -- marred by at least six deaths.

Marcos -- present President of the Filipino Senate -- showing surprising strength in rural areas supposedly dominated by Macapagal, ^{is} personally predicting eventual victory -- by more than a million votes of the eight million cast.

~~By the way,~~ Despite ~~the~~ six slain today -- the election death toll is described as "comparatively light." ~~only~~ Fifty-three deaths -- during the entire campaign, ^{which} ~~is~~ for the Philippines -- the lowest number in years.

COUNCIL

A major crisis flared unexpectedly today -- at the Ecumenical Council in Rome, Over the surprise issue -- of church indulgences.

The matter brought to the fore by Fernando Cardinal Cento -- ^{-- known as} the church's Major Penitentiary. In a document proposing new norms -- to update the granting of indulgences. According to church doctrine -- payments necessary to relieve penitent sinners from God's punishment.

The new schedule of indulgences -- vigorously opposed by liberal bishops, On the ground that it would have a damaging effect -- on the Catholic dialogue with other Christians. The granting of indulgences -- one of the bitterest points of controversy -- in the Protestant Reformation of the Sixteenth Century.

YOUTH

A cry of public indignation last month -- when two
seventeen-year-old soldiers were killed in combat in Viet Nam.
Reaction today -- from Washington.

Defense Secretary Robert McNamara ordering the
exemption of all seventeen-year-olds -- ^{further} from service in Viet Nam.
The Army, Navy and Marines -- given until February First to
comply with the order. About fifteen hundred young men of that
age, ^{are} now on duty in Viet Nam.

RHODESIA

At Salisbury -- Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith today held a ~~morning~~ cabinet meeting, Presumably to discuss ^{that} a private flight to London -- by Rhodesian Chief Justice Sir Hugh Beadle; ^{for} ~~this~~ a last-ditch attempt -- to find a compromise solution to the question of independence.

^{1/2} Ian Smith later declaring that Rhodesia's differences with Britain over independence -- are now "irreconcilable." "The only honest course open to us" -- he went on -- "is to inform our people of the truth."

Why then -- did he permit Justice Beadle to travel to London? Because -- ^{Premier Ian} said Smith -- "it's a free country."

TIGERS

The Indian province of Naini Tal -- just across the border from East Pakistan -- was terror-stricken today by man-eating tigers. At least three of these are blamed for the death of thirty-five persons in the last few weeks, in and around the city of Bareilly.

The terror so great -- that it has halted practically all farm work. Native labor -- refusing to enter the sugarcane fields.

Police offering substantial rewards -- for any who can find and kill the man-eaters. This ought to be a gold opportunity for Major Jack Girsham who was with us on our T.V. tiger hunt in Assam not so long ago. The tigers are now said to be attacking persons riding bicycles and richshaws -- right out in the open. This would be a good night for tigers here in New York, Warren.