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MUSKIE ASKS TV TIME TO ANSWER PRESIDENT

President Nixon has announced he plans an address on Vietnam, and Senator Edmund S. Muskie today sent the following telegram to each of the three major television networks:

"In this time of serious national crisis, when most Americans believe their government's policy in Vietnam to be wrong, it is imperative that the people be able to hear not only the President's position, but the individual positions of other major candidates for the Presidency on this most critical issue.

"The public has a right to hear the major Presidential candidates and judge their views on the war in the same freedom of format afforded to the President.

"Panel shows or other joint appearances are wholly inadequate to give the public a clear understanding of what each major Presidential candidate proposes as an alternative to the President's disastrous war policies. Therefore, I hereby formally request the opportunity to purchase prime television time to reply to the President's forthcoming speech on Vietnam: such time to be comparable in length, and placement to that made available to the President and within 48 hours of his speech."

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