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There was a momentary communications gap at White House yesterday when Rex Granum, the deputy press secretary, got the bathroom confused with the battlefield.

Granum was explaining the administration's reaction to the Senate's refusal to endorse withdrawal of American troops from South Korea.

A reporter asked about the possibility of withdrawing small tactical nuclear missiles called "Honest Johns."

"When they withdraw the troops," said Granum forthrightly, "they withdraw the facilities."

Later, Granum explained he thought the reporter had asked about latrines, using the slang word "johns." His response had not been intended to apply to the weapons, he added.