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The White House? A nice place to visit

Washington — For President Nixon, the White House apparently is a nicer place to visit than to live.

He has spent more days and nights away from the White House than in it.

With less than a month remaining in his first term, Mr. Nixon is on his way toward surpassing Lyndon B. Johnson as the most-traveled President and already has topped the mileage of John F. Kennedy and Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Nixon has traveled more than 417,500 miles, not including his return to Washington from Key Biscayne, Fla., where the President spent Christmas. Nor does it take in any trips he may decide to make between now and next January 20 when the first term ends.

The President's travels have included visits to 23 countries, plus Midway,

the Azores, Guam, the Virgin Islands and all 50 states. He has been abroad a total of 67 days and has racked up 120,808 miles outside the United States.

More out than in

But most of Mr. Nixon's traveling has been inside the country — nearly 297,000 miles as of last Sunday.

As of Christmas day, Mr. Nixon was absent from the White House for all or part of 753 days and in Washington all or part of 700 days.

His favorite out-of-town places are Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland, his Key Biscayne home and the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif. The President has spent 159 nights at these three spots so far this year.

Records show that Mr. Nixon spent

83 nights at Camp David in 1972. He says this mountain hideaway gives him a chance "to get on top of his job". He has spent 41 nights at Key Biscayne, as of this weekend, and 35 nights at San Clemente. An expected trip to California over the New Year weekend will boost the latter total.

Camp David favored

Mr. Nixon has devoted on the average, every other weekend to Camp David. When not there, he has managed to be away from Washington for all but a handful of weekends in each of the past four years.

During his first term, the President visited Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, England, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Poland, Romania, Spain, South Viet-

nam, Thailand, the Philippines, Russia, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Nixon's longest foreign trip was his eight-day visit to China this year, closely followed by his seven-day trip to the Soviet Union last May.

The shortest Nixon trip was a half-day dash into South Vietnam in 1969 during a two-day visit to Thailand.

The President figures to be just as travel-conscious during his second term. White House aides already see a trip to Western Europe in 1973, plus a visit to Japan and perhaps Africa and maybe Latin America.

Putting shot

There is a worldwide resurgence of interest in Tarzan, perhaps because vines and loincloths are about the only items that haven't gone up in price.