

Nixon May Solve Travel Problem by Not Going

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After days of debate at the White House over whether President Nixon would go to Florida by train, boat, bus or plane, it now seems that he may not go at all.

He said yesterday he may stay here and "freeze," which could mean that he will go to Camp David for a few days after celebrating Christmas with his family at the White House.

One thing is certain: he will not fly the Spirit of '76, the four-engine jet that gulps some 2,000 gallons of

fuel an hour, for a holiday trip to Florida. He firmly ruled out use of the big plane for such a trip, aides said.

During a meeting with energy administrator William E. Simon, the President turned to photographers and said: "You all are going to stay up here with me and freeze. Somebody has got to set an example and it's got to be me."

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said no decision has been made about a presidential trip to Florida, but he noted that there is a "tremendous work

load in the closing days" of the congressional session.

"I'm staying loose," Warren said when asked about his plans. In recent days, he has said the President wanted to go to Florida the day after Christmas for a week or 10 days.

Just what changed the situation overnight—or whether it will be changed again—was not clear. White House spokesmen in the past always have maintained that the President could work as well in San Clemente, Key Biscayne or Camp David as at the White House.

Asked why the President could not take bills to Florida and sign or veto them there, Warren replied only that Mr. Nixon wanted to work on them here where his aides can study them and work on them with him.

If the President goes to Florida none of the regular courier planes will fly there to carry official documents, Warren said. In the past, courier planes have been used regularly to fly official papers to the President and to transport officials the President might want to see while out of Washington.