

Nixon remains silent after one year

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — On the first anniversary of his resignation, former President Richard M. Nixon showed no signs of breaking the silence which he has maintained for one year.

The unlisted phone number at his seaside compound, usually answered as: "President Nixon's office," was answered Friday by a recording

Agnew transcripts may be released

MONTREAL (AP) — Secret notes of plea bargaining sessions involving former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew can be released at any time parties for both sides agree, the presiding trial judge in the case said Friday.

Should the transcripts be prepared and made public, they would provide much sought-after details of the circumstances surrounding Agnew's resignation.

U.S. District Court Judge Walter Hoffman said he has no objection to opening up a stenographer's notes of three days of secret negotiating in October 1973 between lawyers for Agnew and the Justice Department.

Hoffman, attending the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, said transcripts can be prepared from the notes and they can become "available at any time that lawyers on both sides consent to their release."

Agnew pleaded nolo contendere—no contest—to charges of federal income tax evasion and resigned the vice presidency Oct. 10, 1973. In exchange for his resignation Agnew was promised no jail sentence. He was fined \$10,000 and placed on three years of unsupervised probation on charges he took kickbacks while he was governor of Maryland.

announcing the number had been disconnected.

At the Nixon estate, staff members began arriving on schedule in the gray overcast early morning, and it appeared to be just another work day for them — and for the man who lives behind closely guarded stone walls writing the story of his life.

If he followed his usual schedule, Nixon was at his office in the former Western White House compound, deep in memory, writing longhand notes for his autobiography.

Secret Service agents and uniformed guards patrolled the grounds of the rambling estate known as "La Casa Pacifica," the house of peace.

Surfers on their way to the beach below Nixon's house got a distant view of the compound from a side road. But the area is protected by chainlink fences topped with barbed wire.

Carloads of tourists detoured off the freeway to drive an extra mile down the road called "Avenida del Presidente." At the dead end, where Nixon's estate is blocked by a stone fence and the entrance to a Coast Guard station, the tourists stopped, stared briefly in puzzlement, then turned around and left.