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### 1977 President Goes Boating; Shooting Rumor Denied

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KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla., Dec. 17. For the second day in succession, President Nixon slipped away from the Florida White House to go boating in the Atlantic without the knowledge of members of the staff.

The Miami office of the United Press International news service received a report this afternoon that someone monitoring the Secret Service shortwave radio circuit had heard of a shot at the President and a request for a helicopter to evacuate him from an island 19 miles south of Miami in the Florida Keys.

Gerald L. Warren, the deputy White House press secretary, confirmed that the President had returned by helicopter but said that it was "absolutely, irrevocably untrue" that anyone had taken a shot at him or the boat. Secret Service officials in Washington also denied the rumor.

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