

Nixon Back in Florida After Day in Bahamas

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., May 18 — President Nixon returned to his Florida White House this evening after spending most of the day boating and swimming on a Bahamian island owned by his friend Robert H. Abplanalp.

Mr. Nixon, who came here Thursday night for rest and relaxation from the rigors of Watergate and impeachment, spent 2½ hours on the water off Cat Cay with Abplanalp and C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, his neighbor here and close friend.

Besides going out in Abplanalp's boat, the Sea Lion II, Mr. Nixon went for a short swim during his 24 hours in the Bahamas, the White House reported.

During the morning, the White House — in one of two terse notices to the press today — said the President reviewed reports from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's peace mission to the Middle East.

The White House also released a presidential proclamation marking Armed Forces Day today.