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Kilmer Is DEC 4 1972 Tired of

Nixon's Calls

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Washington Redskins quarterback Billy Kilmer says
President Nixon is so involved in the team's
progress that "he's really
hurting us."

Kilmer, who led the Redskins to a 23-7 win over Philadelphia yesterday in a game that clinched the division championship for Washington, said he is thinking of asking coach George Allen to ask Mr. Nixon to stop talking about Redskins games before they're played.

Kilmer's remarks in the Washington Post Sunday came in an interview with

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staff writer Sally Quinn.

Kilmer told Miss Quinn: "He's something else. He calls all the time, he even called the coach on election night to talk about the game.

"But he's really hurting us. He told some guy from Cleveland he met in New York that Cleveland had a good team but they had quarterback problems. Then Cleveland gets all psyched up and they're much harder to beat. I think I'm going to ask George Allen to tell the President not to talk about a g a me until after we've played it."

Mr. Nixon, a Redskins fan, is widely considered the most avid football fan ever to inhabit the White House. Last year he visited a Redskins practice session before a key game late in the season.

Kilmer, in the interview, said, "I guess you might say I'm Republican but not overboard." He said he voted for Mr. Nixon against John F. Kennedy in 1960 but has not voted since.