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Washington

The Nixon family and some of their closest friends gathered for a White House steak dinner last night to celebrate President Nixon's 60th

birthay.
The President's daughters arranged the party. The birthday cake had pineapple filling and white coconut icing, Mr. Nixon's favorite, and six candles—

one for each decade.
"Happy Birthday R.N."
was the birthday - cake message, a White House spokesman said.

A table for 15 was set in the Blue Room for the occasion.

In addition to Mrs. Nixon, daughters Tricia and Julie and son-in-law Edward Cox, the guest list included Mr. Nixon's longtime personal secretary Rose Mary Woods, his friend C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, and industrialist Robert Abplanalp anl his wife, whose Bahama island is one of Mr. Nixon's favorite vacation spots.

Also included were the president of the Readers Digest, Hobart Lewis, and his wife; longtime friends Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keyes of Hollywood, Calif.
The menu included cher-

rystone clams, New York strip steak, cheese souffle, broiled tomatoes and spinach salad.

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