

Nixon Stands by His Denial

San Clemente

White House spokesmen reiterated yesterday that President Nixon stands behind earlier statements denying knowledge or complicity in the Watergate affair.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren repeated earlier White House statements that Mr. Nixon would have no comment this week during the Senate testimony of his former counsel, John W. Dean III.

Warren said Mr. Nixon is continuing to receive written and oral statements on Dean's Senate testimony.

Warren repeatedly refused to comment directly on Dean's charges that Mr. Nixon and other high officials were involved in attempts to coverup the bugging conspiracy.

But, in response to questions, he said, "we stand be-



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GERALD WARREN
Deputy press secretary

hind" Mr. Nixon's May 22 statement denying knowledge or involvement in the coverup.

"That statement is very clear . . . it stands, it is on the record," Warren said.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Monday that "as the week proceeds, we do not intend to have com-

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ment" on Dean's nationally televised testimony. Warren said Tuesday, "I'm not going to deviate from that position."

Warren, who conferred with Mr. Nixon at his office here said, "I thought his mood was very good . . . quite good."

He said Mr. Nixon is working on plans for a Friday meeting with French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert and a Saturday meeting with the NATO Council.

Warren would not say how much time Mr. Nixon is spending on Watergate matters.

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