

Nixon, Aides

Working on His Defense

Camp David, Md.

President Nixon met with aides at Camp David yesterday to prepare his public defense in the Watergate case.

White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr., press secretary Ronald Ziegler and Rose Mary Woods, the President's confidential secretary, flew here by helicopter for conferences on the television address Mr. Nixon is expected to make next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. Nixon, accompanied by chief speechwriter Raymond Price, sought the seclusion of this mountaintop retreat Wednesday to prepare the television appeal for confidence in his leadership. He is expected to remain through the weekend.

Mr. Nixon's attorneys, along with special consultant Charles Allan Wright, have virtually completed preparation of a detailed presidential statement responding to testimony before the Watergate committee implicating Mr. Nixon in wrongdoing, White House officials have disclosed.

These officials said the statement will be issued shortly before Mr. Nixon's television appearance and that it will serve as the main White House response to the allegations. *United Press*