

~~NIXON WOULD PARE~~
~~PROTECTIVE DETAIL~~

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~~President Nixon said today~~
that he and his family would prefer to be able to do without Secret Service protection, or at least to make do with less of it. But it seems unlikely that the President's wishes will prevail.

Mr. Nixon said at his news conference in San Clemente, Calif., that he "recommended just three days ago" that his protective detail be cut by one-third. A spokesman for the Secret Service refused to give the size of that detail but said that no cuts were being contemplated.

"As far as protection generally is concerned," Mr. Nixon said, "I don't like it and my family doesn't like it." [Question 18, Page 29]

Many of his predecessors have expressed the same distaste for the nearly constant presence of the Presidential guards, who are assigned to Mr. Nixon's two married daughters as well as to the President and his wife.

Until the 1972 Presidential campaign, when the political considerations of Mr. Nixon's top aides conflicted with the Secret Service's security considerations, relations between Mr. Nixon and his official protectors were generally amiable. Mr. Nixon was considered far easier to work with than his unpredictable and often imperious predecessor, the late President Johnson.