

Nixon 'Giving No Thought To Resigning'

Miami.

The White House declared yesterday that President Nixon is "not giving any thought to resigning."

Responding to a question at his daily news briefing, Gerald L. Warren, Mr. Nixon's deputy press secretary, then added for emphasis:

"The President has no intention of resigning."

Amid calls for the President's resignation or impeachment over the Watergate scandal and other matters, rumors have persisted that Mr. Nixon might be nearing a point where he would step aside.

And despite determined efforts, the White House has not been able to lay these reports to rest.

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Only last Friday at his nationally televised news conference, the President himself emphasized strongly that he intended to stay on the job.

But the reports have continued, spurred this week by the controversy over the conversations with John W. Dean III, and John N. Mitchell that were missing from recordings of presidential discussions that were to be turned over to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica in Washington.

And the President's sud-

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den departure Thursday afternoon for his home in Key Biscayne, Fla., without even taking the customary pool of reporters and photographers

apparently fueled the rumors anew.

So yesterday Warren took pains to picture the President as hard at work in his island retreat on the affairs of state.

Noting repeatedly that testimony is now being presented in Sirica's court, Warren said that he is confident "the American people will understand after all the facts are brought out and will view this matter in its totality as it should be."

He said that the President is "vitally interested" in having "this whole matter cleared up."

That didn't stop the question about whether the President was considering resigning.

After denying that the President had any such thoughts, Warren added again that Mr. Nixon "wants to clear this matter up not walk away from it."

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