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PALM DESERT, Calif., Jan. 10 (UPI) — President Nixon, who came to this resort in search of the sun, relaxed today at a palatial estate and put in some time working on his State of the Union Message.

The President celebrated his 61st birthday in a quiet dinner last night at the 250-acre estate of Walter Annenberg, Ambassador to Britain, after driving here from the Western White House at San Clemente.

With him were Mrs. Nixon, their daughter, Mrs. Tricia Cox and their close friend Charles G. Rebozo, a Florida banker, Mr. Annenberg and his wife were heading back to London.

Mr. Nixon is expected to deliver the address before a joint session of Congress around Jan. 23.