

Watergate nothing to fear--Pat Nixon

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MIAMI — Pat Nixon said yesterday she heard nothing but praise for her husband's administration during a six-day trip to Latin America and that she has nothing to fear from the Watergate scandal.

Mrs. Nixon ordered "drinks and champagne for everybody" aboard her Air Force plane to celebrate her 62nd birthday yesterday. Her staff gave her a party with balloons, signs, specially written songs and a cake with "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Nixon in Portuguese. A birthday celebration was planned for at the Nashville, Tenn., airport, where the first lady is to be reunited with Nixon and both will dedicate the new Grand Ole Opry Building.

Watergate was not mentioned until the birthday interview she gave aboard the plane. Mrs. Nixon saw Carlos Andres Perez become president of Venezuela Tuesday and Gen. Ernesto Geisel inaugurated president of Brazil on Friday.

Mrs. Nixon said she was treated warmly by Perez and Geisel and the other diplomats. She was asked if any of them discussed Watergate.

"No, this isn't covered there," she interrupted. "It's only covered in the metropolitan newspapers. Even out in the country in

the USA it isn't."

Asked what has sustained her during the past year while her husband's administration has been surrounded by scandal, Mrs. Nixon replied:

"The truth sustains me because I have great faith in my husband. He's an honorable, dedicated person and when you know the truth, you have nothing to fear."



A HAPPY 62nd BIRTHDAY FOR PAT NIXON
Cake was presented aboard Air Force plane