

# Those Special Flights to Nixon

Washington

Former President Nixon regularly receives secret foreign policy summaries on a special government jet courier flight under orders handed down by President Ford, a spokesman said yesterday.

White House press secretary Ronald Nessen said the summary of international political, economic and military developments, usually running about ten to 20 pages long, is prepared weekly by the National Security Council and sent to Mr. Nixon every week or ten days. He could not estimate the cost to the taxpayers.

Similar summaries have been provided for other former presidents.

The White House jet used to transport the summaries to Mr. Nixon's home in San Clemente is flown solely for that purpose, Nessen said, adding that members of Mr. Nixon's family occasionally have been aboard as passengers.

Nessen said that under law, materials classified as secret cannot be sent by mail or on commercial airliners because of the possibility of hijacking.

Asked whether Mr. Ford views Mr. Nixon as one of his foreign policy advisers, Nessen replied, "I think the President tends to rely on the foreign policy advice of his secretary of state."

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