U.S. Data Now Wired To Nixon

Washington

Former President Nixon now gets foreign policy and intelligence summaries via military communications instead of Air Force courier flights, a White Ho use spokesman said yesterday.

Deputy press secretary
John W. Hushen said the
materials are being transmitted from the White
House situation room to the
U.S. Coast Guard station
next to Mr. Nixon's home in
San Clemente over "special
military gircuits."

Hushen said he did not know if the briefing texts were sent in code or not.

Earlier in the day, press secretary Ron Nessen said special courier flights to California that had carried packets of foreign policy and intelligence information that were hand-delivered to Mr. Nixon's office had been halted at President Ford's direction.

There has been criticism of the use of military jet planes and the providing of national security briefings to Mr. Nixon even though it has been traditional to make such material available to former presidents.

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