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The Nixons Take a 5-Day Trip

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Former President Nixon arrived at the desert estate of Walter Annenberg late yesterday for an expected five-day stay that was to include a celebrity-studded weekend party.

A spokesman for the Riverside county sheriff's office said Mr. Nixon and his wife arrived at the Annenberg home by automobile just before 4 p.m. and they were expected to stay through Sunday.

The trip marked the first time the former chief executive has left his secluded San Clemente estate for more than a few hours since he returned from Long Beach Memorial Hospital in November following surgery for phlebitis.

A few close friends were understood to be planning a party for the Nixons at the Annenberg home Saturday night and the guests were expected to include some Hollywood celebrities.

The sheriff's department said no special security precautions were being taken, although guards employed by Annenberg were posted at the entrances to his sprawling estate lined by lofting tamarask trees.

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