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Buzhardt,

Nixon Talk

Explained

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The White House acknowledged yesterday that President Nixon conferred in San Clemente, Calif., a week ago with J. Fred Buzhardt, his special counsel handling Watergate matters.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said Nixon and Buzhardt conferred July 3 about a letter the President sent to the Senate select Watergate committee Saturday in which he declined to provide presidential papers sought by the panel or to appear before the committee.

As recently as Friday, Warren had told reporters there had been no unannounced visitors to the Western White House.

Asked to explain his belated acknowledgement of Buzhardt's visit, Warren said he had not been told of it as of Friday and added, "it was just staff inefficiency."

Warren said, "There was no reason not to announce, there was no intention not to announce it."

In response to another question, Warren said again that Herbert Kalmbach no longer is President Nixon's personal attorney.

"We have dealings with the Kalmbach firm," he reported, because it retains records of past transactions, including some related to the President's purchase of his San Clemente home.

The White House has been dealing with Frank DeMarco, a member of the firm, Warren said.