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No Reply Given By Nixon Camp

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)

— The Florida White House maintained silence Monday on the developing Watergate investigation, but President Nixon was depicted as spending "a great deal of time" on it during his Easter visit here.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said he knew of no forthcoming announcement "on this or any other matter."

In addition, Warren reiterated that there has been "no change in the status of any White House staff member."

Nixon returned Monday morning from an 18-hour overnight visit to Grand Cay Island in the Bahamas and went to work in his study overlooking Biscayne Bay. There was no word on how long Nixon will remain here.

Warren handled the daily press briefing Monday in the continued absence of press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, who has not been available to the press since Nixon arrived here Friday afternoon.

Warren said that Ziegler is the senior Nixon staff member here in the absence of H.R. Haldeman or John Ehrlichman, who usually accompany the President. As a result, said Warren, Nixon had given Ziegler some additional matters to attend to.

Nixon was reported to have been in daily communication with his top national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger. But Warren could not say whether he had talked by telephone to Haldeman, Ehrlichman or Asst. Atty. Gen. Henry E. Petersen.

When a reporter said Haldeman and Ehrlichman were in seclusion at Camp David, Md., Warren said "I didn't know they were at Camp David." But, he noted that the two top aides frequently go there on weekends or holidays.