Nixon Orders Blackout on Bug Info

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Washington, April 26' (NEWS Bureau)-President Nixon, taking a close look into the Water-

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House, meanwhile, has clamped a news Henry E. blackout on re-Petersen ports of an impending major reshuffle of Nixon's aides.

Secretary Ronald L.

Ziegler told reporters he was under orders from Petersen not to answer specific questions about the case lest the rights of individuals be prejudiced or the government's prospects for a successful prosecution be impaired.

Ziegler gave no indication of how long the information ban would be enforced, but said that the President fully supported it.

Under strong questioning, Ziegler insisted that the status of White House staff members remained unchanged, that no resignations had been submitted to the President and none had been requested.

He said that Nixon was pressing "to get to the bottom" of allegations that someone in the administration tried to cover up evidence of White House involvement in the break-in and bugging at Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate complex last June 17.

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