

Nixon Plans Statement On Watergate Verdicts

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Jan. 1—A spokesman said today that former President Richard M. Nixon was preparing a statement, to be released tomorrow, about the verdicts in the Watergate cover-up trial.

A spokesman at Mr. Nixon's home here said the statement would be issued "around 8:30 or 9 o'clock" (Pacific time) by Ronald L. Ziegler, former White House press secretary who remains an adviser to Mr. Nixon. Mr. Ziegler was unavailable to reporters today.

It could not be learned whether Mr. Nixon talked by telephone with any of his four former associates who were found guilty by the Washington jury.

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