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## Nixon Conversation on Calley Reported

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WASHINGTON, April 25—White House insistence that President Nixon has scrupulously avoided giving any sign of prejudging the fate of First Lieut. William L. Calley Jr. is at odds with reports of a telephone conversation between the President and Representative Olin E. Teague, Democrat of Texas. According to Washington Notes, on March 31, the same day that an Army military court sentenced Lieutenant Calley to life imprisonment for the murder of at least 22 South Vietnamese civilians, Mr. Nixon discussed with Representative Teague whether the sentence was too harsh.

Mr. Teague, chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' affairs and chairman of the House Democratic caucus, reportedly told Mr. Nixon that he felt the sentence should be lighter. According to other Democrats who spoke with Mr. Teague later, the President urged the Representative to talk up that attitude among other influential members of the House.

It was not until three days later, on April 3, that the White House, taking note of intense public interest in the

Calley case, announced that Mr. Nixon would make the final decision on the verdict and sentence.

John D. Ehrlichman, the President's assistant for domestic affairs, said when he made the announcement that Mr. Nixon was "very much aware of the necessity to in no way comment on the merits of the case or what he thinks the penalty should be, if any, or in any other way getting into the substance of the case."

Officials at the White House are hardly bothering to continue pretending that Citizens for Re-election of the President, in a building less than one block from the White House, is an unauthorized organization.

The headquarters is being manned by Harry S. Flemming and Hugh Sloan, who resigned from jobs at the White House, and Jeb Magruder, deputy director of communications for the Administration, who is about to leave the White House staff.

The Office of Herbert G. Klein, the President's Director of Communications, is undertaking an extensive review of plans for news censorship during a national emergency.

The review was generated by complaints last fall from Samuel J. Archibald, Washington officer of the University of Missouri Freedom of Information Center. He called secrecy surrounding an earlier emergency plan "wall-to-wall bureaucratic stupidity."

Officials at the Office of Emergency Preparedness said later that Theodore Koop, an executive with the Columbia Broadcasting System who had been named secretly to assume the role of chief censor in an emergency, had been relieved of the responsibility.

Now the officials are try-

ing to determine whether censorship in past situations was realistic and workable and, if so, how to approach it in the future. Undecided: whether the study will be secret.

Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Democrat of Queens, who lost his post as chairman of a House consumer affairs subcommittee during rearrangement of committee assignments, has figured out how to continue establishing himself as a consumer crusader.

Ralph Nader has his Nader's Raiders." Mr. Rosenthal has hired a dozen summer internes to work in two-man teams as "Rosenthal's Roustabouts" poking into consumer matters in the Government.