

Nixon Studies

Some Bills, Watches TV

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Jan. 1 (UPI)—President Nixon began the new year just like he ended 1973—by reviewing major legislation awaiting his signature. But he quit work early to watch football on television and enjoy the holiday with his family.

A White House spokesman said Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo, Mr. Nixon's closest friend, was flying to San Clemente from his home in Key Biscayne, Fla., indicating that the President would not return to Washington for at least several more days.

Mr. Nixon, according to aides, spent the final hours of last year and this morning at his desk studying some of the 13 bills left in the pile Congress sent him before recessing Dec. 21 for a month.

The President also was said to have conferred by telephone with Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler and White House Chief of Staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. before tuning in on the televised Rose Bowl parade and some of the annual football bowl games. On New Year's eve, he watched the Sugar Bowl game.

In keeping with the season, the President telephoned House and Senate Republican leaders to extend good wishes for the new year.

A White House spokesman said the President also called Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) chairman of the GOP Senate Policy Committee.

With Mr. Nixon at San Clemente were Mrs. Nixon and daughter Tricia Cox, who flew from Washington with the President aboard a commercial jet last Wednesday. Tricia's husband, Edward Cox, remained in New York and the Nixon's other daughter, Julie, was with her husband, David Eisenhower in the Washington area.