

Notes on People

Tricia Cox

Rumors that she is breaking up with her husband were termed "a deliberate lie" by Tricia Nixon Cox. The President's daughter was said to have authorized the denial of the rumored break-up. The denial was issued in Washington by Mrs. Helen McCain Smith, news secretary to the President's wife.

The rumors began after it was noted that Mrs. Cox had remained with her parents over the New Year's holiday while her husband, Edward Finch Cox, stayed in New York. Mrs. Cox was with her parents for 18 days in San Clemente and Palm Desert, Calif., and did not return to her New York home until Tuesday, two days after the President and Mrs. Nixon returned to Washington. According to Mrs. Smith, the President's daughter felt that this was "an important time" to be with her parents.

The denial was issued after a newspaper and a television network informed White House aides that they were about to report that the marriage had broken up. The Coxes were married on June 12, 1971, in the White House Rose Garden. Mr. Cox is a junior lawyer in the Wall Street law firm of Cravath & Swain.