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White House Ignores

Simon on Limousines

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UPD)—The White House is disregarding the demands by the Federal energy chief, William E. Simon, that Presidential staff members give up their telephone-equipped, chauffeur-driven limousines as an example to the rest of the nation to conserve fuel.

Mr. Simon had asked that White House officials stop using the limousines as of Jan. 1 as part of the Federal energy conservation drive.

The only exceptions were to be President Nixon and Vice President Ford.

The deputy White House press secretary, Gerald L. Warren, said today, 18 days after Mr. Simon's deadline, that "senior White House staff members" were still using their chauffeured sedans.

A Government source described Mr. Simon as "absolutely furious over losing the battle of the limousines."

The White House said many senior aides needed the cars in case the President had to reach them while they were on their way home.