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Nixon Discounts Effect Of Movies on Himself

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WASHINGTON, May 19—Richard M. Nixon said tonight that the films he watched in solitude as President had made him neither a militarist nor a literary giant.

In his televised conversation with David Frost, the former President denied that his decision to order an American military incursion into Cambodia in 1970, against the advice of Pentagon and intelligence officials, had been a consequence of having viewed the movie "Patton" twice in the days preceding the order.

"The war part" of the film about George S. Patton, the World War II general, "didn't particularly interest me," though the "character sketch was fascinating," Mr. Nixon said.

Besides, he added, "I've seen 'The Sound of Music' twice and it hasn't made me a writer either."