

Nixon Issues Rules to Prevent Any New Refusals of Asylum

By ROBERT B. SEMPLE Jr.

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—The White House announced today that President Nixon had issued new guidelines to prevent recurrence of an incident like one last week in which a defecting Soviet seaman was refused sanctuary aboard a Coast Guard cutter.

The guidelines contain instructions—said to be more explicit than present procedures for handling defectors and refugees—that the White House be “immediately informed” of all requests for asylum.

In addition, according to the White House Press Secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, the guidelines state that “under no circumstances should the person seeking asylum be arbitrarily or summarily returned to foreign jurisdiction or control” pending full evaluation by the State Department, the White House and other responsible authorities of the defector’s status and the nature of his request.

On Monday the State Department spokesman, Robert J. McCloskey, issued a statement outlining existing procedures for handling defectors. They included a general requirement that defector cases be referred to “higher authorities.” From now on, the White House will automatically be consulted, Mr. Ziegler said.

Other Actions Taken

At his regular news briefing this morning, Mr. Ziegler said the following actions had also been taken in the aftermath of an incident that has caused consternation on Capitol Hill and

that Mr. Nixon has described as “outrageous”:

¶Vice Adm. Thomas R. Sargent, Assistant Commandant of the Coast Guard, has begun a formal investigation in Cambridge, Mass., to determine if a court-martial is warranted.

¶Direct communication links between the Coast Guard operations center and similar facilities at the White House and State Department are being established.

¶Representatives from the Coast Guard have been invited to join what Mr. Ziegler described as “interagency bodies dealing with refugee and defector affairs.”

Borden Ads on Kava Coffee Scored as False by F.T.C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)

—The Federal Trade Commission today accused Borden, Inc., of false advertising in television commercials that allegedly exaggerate differences in acidity between Borden’s Kava Instant Coffee and other brands.

The commercials purportedly show reactions of an instrument called a “pH meter,” used to measure the acid content of liquids, testing Borden’s Kava and other unnamed brands of instant coffee.

James McCrory, Borden’s director of government relations in Washington, said “The commercial has been off the air since early this year,” adding that Borden “certainly had no intent to exaggerate” the results of the meter.