

NIXON ACTS TO END SECURITY LEAKS

Bids Staff Halt Disclosures From 'Policy Discussions'

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—

President Nixon has instructed his subordinates to make stronger efforts to prevent leaks of information on national security matters, the White House said today.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that efforts, which he did not explain or describe, had been taken "at direct Presidential direction" to make certain that "information on various segments of policy discussions" does not "flow from private meetings."

It had been generally assumed here that Mr. Nixon was not happy with the recent disclosures by Jack Anderson, the syndicated columnist, of secret memorandums describing the proceedings at several National Security Council meetings during the Indian-Pakistani crisis last month.

Last July, two members of the White House staff, David R. Young of the National Security Council and Egil Krogh Jr. of the Domestic Council, were asked to investigate earlier leaks and prevent recurrences.

President Shows Concern

Today's comments by Mr. Ziegler represented the first official acknowledgment of the President's personal concern about the Anderson papers, as well as the first official acknowledgment that Mr. Nixon himself had ordered steps taken to insure tighter security.

"We hold the view that the American people should be kept informed of the foreign policy of this nation," Mr. Ziegler said at his regular afternoon briefing.

However, he added, "subordinates of the President, in order to make recommendations to him, must be able to discuss freely the issues and options for policy."

Mr. Ziegler said that publication of the minutes of meetings had caused "great concern" generally throughout the White House, and declared that steps would be taken—he would not elaborate on them—to "make sure it doesn't happen again."