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# Nixon Was Locked Out

## Washington

President Nixon, a surprise visitor to the White House on New Year's Day, is said to have found himself locked out of his own Oval Office Monday morning.

Mr. Nixon, once expected to spend the entire holiday weekend at Camp David, Md., apparently upset secu-

rity duty rosters — and other things — by returning from his mountaintop lodge Sunday night. *31 DEC*

Although there is evidence that a few aides anticipated the quick return from Camp David, one White House official reported that when Mr. Nixon appeared at the Oval Office at 7:30 a.m. on New Year's Day he discovered,

after futile wrestling with the doorknob, that routine security precautions were keeping him out of his own inner sanctum.

By all accounts, it did not take Mr. Nixon long to find a White House policeman — a uniformed member of the Executive Protection Service — who came up with a passkey. *Associated Press*