

12 SAILORS SHIFTED IN NIXON YACHT UNIT

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — Twelve sailors in the unit that maintains President Nixon's yacht, the Sequoia, have been transferred after some of them were discovered to be smoking marijuana, the Navy reported today.

The incident marked the second time this month that Navy men assigned to jobs near the President have been investigated for marijuana use.

The initial investigation, the Navy said, indicates that the sailors were smoking marijuana away from the Sequoia during off-duty hours.

Mr. Nixon has used the Sequoia, which is moored in the Potomac River in Washington, for evening cruises. Occasionally, he holds high-level staff meetings aboard the yacht.

On May 8, the Navy disclosed that 28 Marines and 18 sailors assigned to the Presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., were being reassigned pending an investigation into charges that some were smoking marijuana. In both the Camp David and the Sequoia incidents, the Navy said that there had been no security violations.

A Navy spokesman said that 11 of the 12 sailors being transferred had normally been assigned to duties aboard the Presidential yacht.