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## The President Plays at Midnight

### Washington

President Nixon is a midnight piano player at the White House and also likes to play his stereo at full blast, his wife disclosed yesterday.

There is excellent record playing equipment in the Lincoln Sitting Room, she said, and he likes to turn up the volume so that "it blasts through the house. He thinks that's the only way to listen — when it's real loud and you can hear everything."

Pat Nixon said the President recently has begun playing the piano late at night in the family quarters

after work. "It relaxes him," she said.

The musical discussion took place at a White House reception where Mrs. Nixon accepted a collection of nearly 2000 recordings to establish a White House record library.

The gift was made by the Recording Industry Association and a five-member commission headed by jazz player Willis Conover. He estimated the collection "might have been chosen by any mature family with taste and \$12,000 to indulge it."

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