

Football Blackout Riles White House

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Washington - The Nixon administration threatened yesterday [20 Dec] to attack pro football's antitrust exemption after the National Football league refused a request by the President to lift the local television ban on playoff games during the next two weekends.

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William Beecher, NYTimes 19 Dec 72: According to the Administration officials, the principal purpose of the President's action [resumption of bombing and mining in North Vietnam 18 Dec] was to insure that the North Vietnamese leaders would comprehend the extent of his anger .....