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Nixon Staying On At Camp David

Camp David, Md.

His privacy protected by Marine sentries and a White House news blackout, President Nixon extended his stay at this mountaintop retreat last night, amid indications he was preparing a statement on the swirling Watergate scandal.

The White House refused to provide any information on Mr. Nixon's activities, but it was learned that his personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, had joined him at the wooded compound 75 miles northwest of Washington.

The presence of Miss Woods usually indicates Mr. Nixon is dictating his thoughts for a speech or statement.

The New York Daily News reported that Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst had helicoptered to Camp David yesterday, but White House spokesmen and other sources could provide no confirmation.

Mr. Nixon decided late yesterday to stay overnight again in his comfortable Aspen Lodge. The spokesmen said he probably will return to the White House today.

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