

Nixon Campaign Aide Says

Ads Were Not Commitment

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— Campaign advertisements saying that Rhode Island naval bases would remain open if President Nixon were re-elected were not intended to be viewed as a commitment, an official of the Committee for the Re-election of the President says.

DeVan Shumway, press secretary of the committee, which placed the ads in Rhode Island newspapers during the 1972 campaign, said yesterday "An ad never pretends to be an absolute, firm, 100 per cent commitment to something."

Mr. Shumway spoke after Mayor James L. Taft Jr. of Cranston, the state's head of the re-election committee, signed an ad in yesterday's Washington Post, implying that a campaign promise to keep the bases open had been broken.