

Surprise Nixon Trip

Camp David, Md.

President Nixon unexpectedly returned to Camp David yesterday to remain there overnight, after having spent a long weekend at the mountaintop retreat.

The White House disclosed that the President and his chief of staff, Alexander M. Haig Jr., were driven to Camp David, about a 75-minute drive, in early afternoon.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren gave no indication of how long Mr. Nixon plans to remain there, although he said it would be at least overnight.

As to why the President made the sudden return to Camp David, Warren said only "he decided to go up there and work."

There was no word on what Mr. Nixon is working on, either.

Mr. Nixon is planning to make a public statement on Watergate after the Senate Watergate committee recesses later this week, and it could be assumed that Watergate is occupying some of his time.

Asked why the President had turned around and driven back Monday afternoon, Warren pointed out that Mr. Nixon had a bill-signing schedule and other meetings at the White House yesterday morning.

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