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Nixon Called Agnew to Tell Of His Outrage Over Leaks

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 24, (AP)—President Nixon has personally told Vice President Spiro T. Agnew of his outrage over leaks in the investigation of allegations Agnew received kickbacks, White House officials said today.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren disclosed that Mr. Nixon telephoned Agnew Wednesday after the President's press conference. He said the two had a friendly conversation and that Mr. Nixon reiterated his statement of confidence in the Vice President's integrity.

Mr. Nixon told newsmen Wednesday he had ordered Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson to investigate the "outrageous" leak of information in the Maryland probe involving charges of kickbacks to government officials from contractors.

Aides said the telephone call Wednesday was the first conversation between Mr. Nixon and Agnew since early August, shortly before the Vice President publicly denied the allegations as "damned lies."

At a briefing, Warren again described as "totally false" published reports quot-

ing administration officials as saying some of the Agnew investigation leaks may have come from the White House.

Warren said Mr. Nixon and his chief of staff, Alexander M. Haig Jr., had received briefings on the probe earlier. But, he said, there is "not a procedure, nor has there been a detailed reporting by officials in the Justice Department to officials in the White House on the conduct or progress of the investigation."

Mr. Nixon conferred today at the Western White House with Haig, presidential assistant Ronald L. Ziegler and executive assistant Rose Mary Woods, Warren said, and studied a staff analysis of administration-sponsored legislation, including trade and urban proposals.

The White House meanwhile, announced several personnel changes in diplomatic and Foreign Service ranks:

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