

Some Remodeling Of Nixon's Plane

Washington

The interior of President Nixon's one-year-old Air Force jet is undergoing a \$285,000 remodeling, mostly along lines suggested by Pat Nixon, the White House disclosed yesterday.

A White House spokesman said the main change is relocation of the guest lounge, which now will be next to the President's suite where the staff lounge was located before.

More comfortable quarters are being provided for the Secret Service, which under the old floor plan had a room with non-reclining seats.

The spokesman said the work is being done while the Boeing 707, named The Spirit of '76, undergoes routine annual maintenance and engine performance improvements at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

It has been in service since August, 1972 — replacement for the old Air Force 1 used by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. It was originally outfitted and decorated at a cost of \$1.5 million.

In the old layout, the staff quarters were largest and connected directly with the President's suite. Mrs. Nixon and other members of the family were described as dissatisfied with the arrangement from the outset, feeling that guests should have that choice location.

They preferred the arrangement in the old Air Force 1, which has been used frequently as a replacement on flight to San Clemente, and Key Biscayne, the new setup in The Spirit of '76 will be much the same.

The President's pilot, Air Force Colonel Ralph Albertazzi, described the changes as "very slight."

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