

A tense Nixon flies to Florida

United Press

KEY BISCAIYNE (Fla.) — President Nixon, showing signs of tension from the continuing Watergate crisis, left his aides behind and abruptly flew here yesterday for a weekend at his vacation home.

Only Bryce N. Harlow, the veteran White House adviser who was recently recalled from private life to help Nixon out of the Watergate scandal, accompanied him.

His chief of staff, Alexander M. Haig Jr., and press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, caught a later flight. Mrs. Nixon and other members of the first family remained in Washington.

Nixon's press office, which normally notifies newsmen in time for them to accompany the President on such trips, did not spread the word until after Nixon's departure.

This was seen by some observers as another indication of his growing irritation with the press. He severely chastised newsmen — particularly TV commentators — at his news conference last week for "vicious, distorted" reporting on the Watergate affair.

Presidential spokesman Gerald L. Warren said the President arrived at his bay-side compound after a two-hour flight from Washington