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**White House Says Nixon  
Doesn't Intend to Resign**

**His Spokesman Seeks to Quell Rumors  
That President Will Step Aside Over  
Watergate—Florida Day Is Routine**

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MIAMI, Nov. 2—The White House declared today that President Nixon was "not giving any thought to resigning."

Gerald L. Warren, Mr. Nixon's deputy press secretary, made the statement in response to a question at his daily news briefing, and then added for emphasis:

"The President has no intention of resigning."

Amid calls for the President's resignation or impeachment over the Watergate scandal and other matters under investigation by grand juries and Congress, rumors have persisted that Mr. Nixon might step aside by choice.

And despite the President's determined efforts, the White House has not been able to lay these reports to rest.

Only last Friday at his nationally televised news conference, Mr. Nixon emphasized strongly that he intended to stay on the job.

"I intend to continue to carry out to the best of my ability the responsibility I was elected to carry out last November," he said when asked what ran through his mind when he heard demands for his resignation or impeachment.

"The tougher it gets, the cooler I get," he said at another point. Moreover, he added, "I have what it takes."

But the reports have continued, spurred this week by the controversy over recordings of the President's conversations with John W. Dean 3d and John N. Mitchell that will not be turned over to Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the United States District Court in Washington as ordered because the White House says they do not exist.

And the President's sudden departure from Washington yesterday for his home in Key Biscayne without taking the customary pool of reporters and photographers apparently fueled the resignation rumors anew.

So today, Mr. Warren took pains to picture the President as hard at work in his island retreat on the affairs of state.

Mr. Warren said that after a dinner last night at the Nixon compound with his close friend, Charles G. Rebozo, the President was up early and in his study by 9 A.M. today preparing a message to be delivered next week on his

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gram for dealing with the possibility of a national energy shortage this winter.

But today's questions by newsmen who cover the White House did not linger long on the energy program. During most of the one-hour briefing at the crowded press center across from the Four Ambassadors Hotel on the Miami mainland, the inquiries dwelt on Watergate and the White House tapes as they have so frequently in recent weeks.

Noting repeatedly that testimony was now being presented

in Judge Sirica's court, Mr. Warren said that he was confident "the American people will understand after all the facts are brought out and will view this matter in its totality as it should be."

He said that the President was "vitally interested" in having "this whole matter cleared up."

That didn't stop the question about whether the President was considering resigning.

After denying that Mr. Nixon had any such thoughts, Mr. Warren added again that Mr. Nixon "wants to clear this matter up, not walk away from it." Then, Mr. Warren recited a

list of the President's recent actions on other affairs, such as the Middle East crisis, the energy program and the economy.

"I would just suggest," he said, "that those who talk of this batter by [resignation] — which the President has not considered — should look at these matters I have just discussed."

And then to cap off what — outwardly at least — was a routine Key Biscayne day, the press office announced that at 4 P.M. the President set aside his work and went out with Mr. Rebozo on the *Coco Lobo II* for a 35-minute boat ride.