

# Nixon Standing Fast as Resignation Demands Increase

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MIAMI, Nov. 4—President Nixon stood fast today in the face of multiplying demands for his resignation.

Gerald L. Warren, the White House deputy press secretary, reiterated firmly that Mr. Nixon had "absolutely no intention of resigning."

"The President intends to pursue his objectives," Mr. Warren declared, "in foreign policy, national policy, and in clearing up the Watergate matter."

Meanwhile, the President remained secluded in his Key Biscayne retreat just off Miami.

While most Miami residents and visitors were enjoying the sunny November skies and a fresh breeze, the President, according to Mr. Warren, was closeted in his study most of the day working on the affairs of state.

This morning he was reported to have talked by telephone for 40 minutes with Secretary of State Kissinger, who leaves tomorrow on a trip to the Middle East, China and Japan.

**Variety of Topics**

Mr. Warren said they had discussed "ongoing diplomatic consultations relating to the Middle East situation" and other plans for the Kissinger journey.

Mr. Nixon later met separately with Ronald L. Ziegler, his press secretary, and Alexander M. Haig Jr., his chief of staff.

However, according to Mr. Warren, he did not meet with J. Fred Buzhardt, his special counsel, and Leonard Garment, a White House counsel, who flew to Miami from Washington yesterday to "review the proceedings" in the hearings

being held before Judge John J. Sirica in Washington Federal District Court.

Mr. Warren said that the President was scheduled to return to Washington tomorrow evening.

The hearings before Judge Sirica are being held to determine why the White House was unable to produce tape recordings of two conversations with the President—one of the former Attorney General John N. Mitchell on June 20, 1972, and one with John W. Dean 3d, the former Presidential counsel, last April 15.

The White House has said that most conversations with the President in his offices or on the telephone were recorded and Archibald Cox, the former Watergate special prosecutor, had subpoenaed the tape of nine such conversations.

**Official Explanation**

However, after the President had agreed to turn over the nine tapes to Judge Sirica for review, his attorneys said it had been discovered that there were no tapes of those two conversations. They said the recording device had failed on the Dean conversation and that the discussion with Mr. Mitchell three days after the Watergate

break-in had been held on a phone that was not connected to the tape machine.

When Mr. Buzhardt and Mr. Garment suddenly flew to Miami late yesterday, it was speculated that they had been summoned to discuss with the President the testimony before Judge Sirica.

But Mr. Warren said they had been conferring with Mr. Haig and Bryce N. Harlow, another Presidential assistant, and that he did not expect them to see Mr. Nixon.

"We're confident that these

proceedings [before Judge Sirica] will show there are no missing tapes," Mr. Warren said, as he has frequently in recent days.

Asked if the President had altered his resolve not to resign as a result of the rising chorus of demands, Mr. Warren said, "absolutely not."

Later, after being told that Time magazine, whose editors had three times supported Mr. Nixon for the Presidency in the now-defunct Life magazine, had said that "Richard Nixon and the nation have passed a tragic

point of no return," Mr. Warren repeated that the President had "absolutely no intention of resigning."

Mr. Warren also said that the President had had no communication from Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona or ~~Senator~~ William F. Buckley, the conservative columnist, who met yesterday in Wichita.

Mr. Buckley said Friday that he thought the President would resign as an act of patriotism if urged to do so by the ranking Republicans such as Mr. Goldwater.

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