

Nixon Cuts His Jet's Speed

Washington

The White House said yesterday President Nixon will be making efforts to conserve fuel used by his presidential aircraft on his four-day southern tour this weekend.

Mr. Nixon will be lowering the speed of his Boeing 707 plane and will not have a back-up aircraft, deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said.

As usual, though, presidential helicopters will be flown from Washington to Key Biscayne, Fla., to ferry Mr. Nixon between Homestead Air Force Base and

his Key Biscayne home during his weekend travels that will include three trips back and forth from his southern Florida home for public appearances in Orlando, Fla., Macon, Ga.; and Memphis, Tenn.

The presidential jetliner, which normally travels 525 miles an hour will reduce its speed to 477 m.p.h., which Warren said would provide a 10 per cent reduction in fuel consumption.

The plane consumes 2200 gallons of fuel per hour at its normal speed and about 2000 gallons an hour at the slower speed, Warren said.

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