

Boosters Meet Nixon

Washington

Five Florida businessmen had an unexpected meeting with President Nixon yesterday after coming to the White House to deliver a suitcase full of messages in his support.

"You've made my day," Mr. Nixon told them at the hastily arranged meeting in his office.

The men had flown to Washington from Jacksonville, Fla., to deliver 31,000 signatures they obtained as the result of an advertisement in the Florida Times-Union.

They were waiting in the White House Rose Gardens to watch the President depart by helicopter for a Florida speaking engagement when the presidential press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, came out and said, "Gentlemen, it's cold and windy out here. Why don't you come inside?"

Inside the Oval Office the men showed the President copies of the full-page ad, which is headed "We are fed up" and supports Mr. Nixon in connection with Watergate and other matters.

"People in Jacksonville are fed up by the treatment that you're getting in the press," Bryan B. Skinner told Mr. Nixon.

H. K. Smith, a Jacksonville Democrat who ran a similar ad at his own expense, added, "We Democrats are fed up, too."

They told the President that similar ads were planned in other Southern cities.

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