

Camp David Holiday for First Family

Camp David

President Nixon joined his family in the privacy of his Maryland mountaintop retreat yesterday for a Thanksgiving dinner and a respite from the persistent pressures of Watergate and the energy crises.

Mr. Nixon flew here by helicopter in early afternoon after a series of White House meetings, including a 30-minute session with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that was described as "a general review of foreign policy."

As Mr. Nixon began what was expected to be a long holiday weekend at Camp David, a White House spokesman said the President had not decided how to respond to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica's request Wednesday for immediate surrender of all subpoenaed Watergate tapes.

Mr. Nixon also was studying options for dealing with severe expected fuel shortages this winter, including a proposed ban on Sunday gasoline sales.

With the President for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, from turkey to pumpkin pie, were his wife Pat, their daughter Tricia and son-in-law Edward Finch Cox, and C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, the President's close friend and confidant from Key Biscayne, Fla.

Before he left Washington, Mr. Nixon also conferred with White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. and press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler.

The subjects were not disclosed, but they presumably concerned the White House admission Wednesday that an 18-minute segment was blank in a recorded conversation between Mr. Nixon and former top aide H. R. Haldeman on June 20, 1972, three days after the Watergate break-in. The admission prompted Sirica's request.

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