

'Normal' Moving of Nixon Files

Washington

White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. said yesterday that "absolutely normal procedures" are being followed in moving former President Nixon's files from the White House to San Clemente since his resignation.

Haig said some material belonging to Mr. Nixon was on a truck ready to be shipped out five or six days after Mr. Nixon resigned August 9, and "was held up temporarily to make sure no evidentiary material was being shipped."

Haig said "there was nothing spooky about it," and he reported that the transfer had been stopped at the request of J. Fred Buzhardt, one of Mr. Nixon's Watergate lawyers, until it could be ascertained that none of the papers was needed for pending legal suits.

Of the volume of material that was to be shipped, two-thirds has now gone to San Clemente, Haig said.

Westinghouse Broadcasting reported Tuesday it had learned a truck was on hand at the White House, the day after Mr. Nixon had left, to transport records to a waiting plane for shipment to San Clemente.

The broadcast said that members of President Ford's staff put a "hold" on the transfer.

According to the broadcast, Ford staff members

stationed themselves in the White House shredder room to make sure nothing was destroyed and White House police and Secret Service agents were ordered to permit nothing larger than a briefcase to leave the grounds.

Haig denied there were any "burn bags" or shredders being used to destroy papers.

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