

Flood of Cards, Gifts for Nixon

San Clemente

Former President Nixon got more than 7000 Christmas cards on Monday alone and gift packages have been coming at the rate of six to ten a day for several weeks, the San Clemente Post Office disclosed yesterday.

The former chief executive will spend Christmas with his wife, his two daughters and their husbands at the ocean villa where he is recovering from surgery.

The Western Union office said Mr. Nixon received 25 telegrams Monday and that 25 more had arrived before noon Tuesday.

Manager Greg Joanidi said most of the telegrams conveyed holiday greetings and wishes for Mr. Nixon's speedy recovery but that a few complained about the state of the economy.

One of the telegrams was from Evangelist Billy Graham. A number of the letters were from overseas.

Pat Nixon decorated a large tree during the weekend with ornaments the family has had since their daughters were small girls, an aide disclosed.

The former western White House offices at the adjoining Coast Guard complex were deserted. Presidential

aide Ron Ziegler was spending Christmas in Washington as was military aide Colonel Jack Brennan.

Paul Presley, a friend of Mr. Nixon whose property is next to that of the former President, said he got a letter from Mr. Nixon yesterday with a handwritten note at the bottom saying, "Let's get together over the holidays."

"I don't know what he means by that," Presley said.

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