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Nixon's Homes Draw

Key Biscayne Crowds

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., Dec. 26 (UPI)—Hundreds of persons snarled traffic, ignored barricades and trampled lawns on Christmas Day to get a glimpse of former President Richard M. Nixon's vacation compound here.

Sightseers, many from out of town, parked cars on the lawns of neighbors, walked on the grass and openly ignored security guards by strolling around the Government barricades in front of Bay Lane.

James Cosnahan, a Government security guard, said he counted about 700 curiosity seekers during the day, most of whom left saying they were "unimpressed."

Last week, the Dade County Commission denied a request by Charles G. Rebozo and several other of the former President's Key Biscayne neighbors that Bay Lane be made private. They said the compound would be turned into a "tourist attraction" when Government barricades were lifted next week.