

White House Denies Plan to Bill Nixon for Flight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (UPI)—White House officials said today that Richard M. Nixon will not be charged for any portion of his flight home to San Clemente, Calif., last Aug. 9, the day he gave up the Presidency.

And the Government has "done everything" it could to see that Mr. Nixon's personal belongings were made available for transfer to his San Clemente estate, a White House spokesman said.

In an interview published yesterday, Ronald L. Ziegler, Mr. Nixon's chief aide and the former White House press secretary, said that Federal offi-

cial were being "vindictive" toward Mr. Nixon by withholding his personal belongings and by reportedly preparing to bill him for part of his flight home.

A White House spokesman was quoted last Friday as saying that Mr. Nixon would be charged \$8,440 for half of the journey aboard the Presidential jetliner, Air Force One, because he was no longer President after passing "a point near Jefferson, City, Mo.," at the moment when Gerald R. Ford took over.

Officials denied today there had been any plan to charge Mr. Nixon and said that President Ford had instead directed

the Defense Department which operates the aircraft, to pick up all of the costs of the flight.

Asked about Mr. Nixon's belongings, John W. Hushen, Deputy White House press secretary, said, "We've done everything we can to facilitate the movement of this stuff," but added that many of Mr. Nixon's requests for materials had been blocked by legislation and court orders.

"Many items cannot be turned loose," he said. "The last thing we want to do is to keep them from the former President. We're trying to sort this out."