

Ford Wishes

Nixon Merry

Christmas

Vail, Colo.

President Ford phoned former President and Mrs. Nixon in San Clemente, Christmas Day to wish them a merry Christmas, the White House said yesterday.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Thursday's telephone call, which Mr. Ford initiated, was to exchange Christmas greetings.

Mr. Ford received a number of Holiday calls, including calls from comedian Bob Hope, former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, and Mr. Ford's brother Richard, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Nessen said.

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