

Nixon Sends Advice to

Carter

Plains, Georgia

Former President Nixon sent a two-page handwritten letter to President-elect Jimmy Carter about a week after his election victory, press secretary Jody Powell said yesterday.

Powell declined to reveal the contents of the letter, but sources in the Carter camp later categorized the letter as a warm and personal one, congratulating Carter on his victory and

offering advice on the presidency.

Nixon suggested that the President-elect get plenty of rest between now and taking office as he would not have much opportunity to do so afterward, the sources said.

Powell disclosed the letter's existence after being asked by reporters whether Carter had received a telephone call from the former president early yes-

terday morning. Powell said no such call had been received.

The reason for the inquiries was that the private telephone number in one of the Carter offices at the Best Western Motel in nearby Americus rang at 4:50 a.m. yesterday.

A reporter working in the press center next door to the empty office answered the telephone and was told by a long distance operator that Richard

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M. Nixon wished to speak with Governor Carter.

The reporter, Andrew Glass of the Atlanta Constitution, asked the operator where the call was coming from. The operator replied that it was from San Clemente, Calif., where Mr. Nixon now lives.

Glass told the operator Carter was not available at that time, which was 1:50 a.m. in California, and that she should

call the White House switchboard in Washington, which could then connect Mr. Nixon with Carter at his home in Plains.

Powell said no such call had been received by Carter yesterday.

Glass, speaking to other reporters about the incident, said he was convinced the call was genuine and it did not sound in any way like a hoax.

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