

Nixon Sends Telegram to Ford Congratulating Him for Speech

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 12 (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon watched President Ford's speech to Congress tonight and wired him "congratulations on a splendid speech."

Mr. Nixon saw the televised address with his wife and other family members who are with him at their oceanside residence.

An aide declined to release the text of the telegram.

In the speech, Mr. Ford praised what he called "the outstanding foreign policy of President Nixon" and pledged to continue it.

But the new President, without naming Mr. Nixon, noted some of the elements in the scandal that led to Mr. Nixon's downfall.

"There will be no illegal tapings, eavesdropping, buggings, or break-ins by my Administration," Mr. Ford said, drawing applause from the assembled lawmakers.

Mr. Nixon returned home about 45 minutes before the speech from an afternoon drive and a beach outing. It was the second straight day that he had come to his favorite beach, which is a private oceanfront

at the Marine Corps's Camp Pendleton.

The former President's wife, daughter Tricia and son-in-law Edward F. Cox, accompanied him.

Two of Mr. Nixon's close friends, Charles G. Rebozo, of Key Biscayne, Fla., and Robert H. Abplanalp, of Bronxville, N. Y., flew to the East last night after spending two days here.

Apology to Klein Reported

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12 (AP)—Mr. Nixon today telephoned a former White House aide, Herbert G. Klein, to apologize for making derogatory comments about him, The Baltimore Sun says in its Tuesday editions.

Mr. Klein, who left the White House in 1973 and was not linked to the Watergate scandal, was quoted as saying Mr. Nixon had called from San Clemente "to apologize for any embarrassment."

Mr. Nixon's derogatory remarks about his former White House director of communications were in White House tape transcripts made public last Monday. Mr. Nixon referred to Mr. Klein as "not having his head screwed on."