

Nixon-Ford Relationship Seen Good

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(AP)—Vice President Gerald R. Ford said today his personal relationship with President Nixon is as good as ever.

"The President and I have had, do have and expect to have very good personal relations," Ford said at a news conference.

Ford denied reports of a rift between himself and Mr. Nixon. Last week the Vice President criticized Mr. Nixon's refusal to provide more Watergate evidence to the House Judiciary Committee.

Ford said Mr. Nixon, at a Cabinet meeting in Washington this morning, had made several favorable comments about his performance as Vice President. He said the Watergate situation was not discussed at the Cabinet session.

Ford is in Charlotte for two days of golf. He shook hands with several National Guardsmen, who awaited his arrival at the Charlotte airport, before being driven to a local country club.

Ford planned a round of golf this afternoon, and is to play Wednesday in the pro-am of the Kemper Open Golf Tournament.