

No Further ^{F.P. sub} Explanation ⁹⁻²⁵⁻⁷⁴ On Pardon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford has told a House judiciary subcommittee he will offer no further explanation of his pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon.

In response to a letter requesting answers to a number of questions relating to the pardon, Ford said he has already said all he intends to about the subject.

"Regardless of any background information or advice I may have received, I am responsible for the pardon decision," he said. "I am satisfied that it was the right course to follow in accord with my own conscience and conviction."

Instead of answering the questions, Ford enclosed a copy of his Sept. 8 statement pardoning Nixon and his answers on the subject during a Sept. 16 news conference.

"I hope the subcommittee will agree that we should now all try, without undue recrimination about the past, to heal the wounds that divide Americans," Ford said.