

It's been no secret for months that President Ford plans a Peking visit after Thanksgiving, but even at this late date a number of elements are still up in the air. ABC's Tom Jerrold [phonetic] reports from the White House:

Jerrold: Fundamental differences still remain to be resolved before President Ford can travel to China by December first. Less than a month before his planned departure the two sides are still quibbling over such basic issues as the precise dates for the visit. Each side is trying to give the impression that it wants to cut the number of days in China from six to about four, and reduce the level from a big state occasion to a more modest business trip. Efforts continue to work out details, but White House advance teams have unpacked their luggage and gone on to other projects.

Tom Jerrold, ABC News, at the White House.

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