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From reviews of book by William Safire, "Before the Fall:
An Inside View of the Pre-Watergate White House."

Review by Anthony Marro:

On Nixon: "Safire says that one of his self-appointed roles was to loosen up the 'reverential atmosphere' around Nixon - no mean feat considering that the President liked to refer to himself in the third person and kept a music box on his desk that played 'Hail To The Chief.'"

On Nixon and China: "[Safire] shows no qualms about describing Nixon's trip to Peking as 'ripping off a national blindfold with daring and panache' - and barely pauses to acknowledge that it was Nixon and his fellow Cold Warriors who had helped keep the blindfold in place for three decades."