

Bus Tours Of Nixon's Estate

San Clemente

The grounds of former President Richard Nixon's San Clemente estate, once ringed by Marine guards and Secret Service agents, will be opened briefly to tourists, officials said yesterday.

Alex Goodman, executive manager of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, said the grounds — but not the interior — of Nixon's Casa Pacifica will be opened for one day only, Sunday, Feb. 26, 1978, as a fund raising and educational venture celebrating this city's 50th anniversary.

"We appreciate this offer from the Nixon family and want the public to know we are not paying them anything for the privilege. All proceeds from the ticket sales will

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go to the chamber to cover expenses for the birthday celebration," which Goodman added would include "a cocktail party and a beer party" open to this seaside city's 28,000 residents.

The chamber executive said arrangements for the opening were made by Nixon Aide Jack Brennan. He was not available for comment.

Goodman said the 25-minute tour would include a bus ride from San Clemente High School to Casa Pacifica. A tour guide will provide commentary on the history of the area and the Nixon family's San Clemente history.

The chamber executive said that no one would be allowed off the tour buses and it was not known yet whether Nixon himself would greet the estimated 4300 persons expected to pay \$2.50 each for the brief excursion. Buses will be scheduled to depart at ten-minute intervals from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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