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Nixon returns to WX from Middle East, following overnight stop in the Azores and meeting with President Antonio de Spínola of Portugal.

Helicopter, from Andrews Air Force Base (where it was boarded by Nixon family[†]), arrives on WH lawn at 4:29 p.m.; Nixon is met by Ford and all but two members of the cabinet, most of the WH staff and 200 teen-aged Republican guests. Later goes for dinner cruise on the Sequoia with wife, daughters, David Eisenhower and Rose Mary Woods. Cancels plans to go to Florida tomorrow, will go instead to Camp David, to prepare for summit meetings; will leave for Brussels 25 Jun.

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* Cox not in party.

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Gallup poll - "President Nixon has failed to register any gains in popularity following his tour of the Middle East. Only 26 per cent in the latest Gallup Poll survey say they approve of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job, only one point above his low point to date. Despite the fact that President Nixon's personal diplomacy has on early occasions boosted his standing with the American public, this effect is not found in the current survey." The twelve polls taken during the year have shown a rating fluctuating between 25 and 28 per cent.

Date of polling not given, beyond the statement that it was conducted "following the President 's ... tour of the Middle East [returning 19 Jun] and before his recent trip to Russia [arriving in Brussels 25? jun].

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