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Japan (Ford) - Mrs. Ford says Ford expects to visit Japan in late Nov or early Dec.

See entry 24 Apr 73, Japanese government abandons plans ...
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Nixon (emotional state) - Paul Presley, who runs San Clemente Inn and is described as "a long-time friend of Mr. Nixon who is active in Orange County Republican politics," says - in story datelined 8 Sep - that he last saw Nixon five days ago (3? 4? Sep) when, according to Presley, "he seemed much more relaxed and in far better humor" than at any time since his arrival on 9 Aug. "He complained good-naturedly to me about the amount of work that confronted him here but said he was going in swimming at every opportunity."

NYT 9 Sep 74, Everett R. Hollis

Pardon - Ford, testifying 17 Oct 74 (before Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the House Committee on the Judiciary) on the circumstances leading to his pardon of Nixon, says that "shortly after" his press conference 28 Aug 74 he asked the special prosecutor what criminal actions, if any, were likely to be brought against Nixon. Ford says that as soon as he had been given this information (no date; he is presumably referring to the memo from Ruth to Jaworski,* entry 3 Sep) he authorized Buchen to tell Miller of his "pending decision" to grant a pardon. Says he was told this had been done when Buchen and Becker met with Miller today, 4 Sep.

NYT 18 Oct 74, Ford testimony, transcript

* (Correct - NYT 18 Oct 74, p. 19, col. 3, paragraphs 1 and 2)

George Bush, Republican national chairman, is nominated by Ford to be U.S. envoy to China, as he announces his first major changes in key diplomatic, political and economic posts. Bush will succeed David K.E. Bruce as head of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking. Bruce, who has held the post since the spring of 1973, reportedly has been ill and has asked that he be relieved.

The head of the U.S. Liaison Office holds ambassadorial rank and conducts de facto diplomacy. The position does not require Senate confirmation.

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Ehrlichman (WH documents) - Secret Service says it received this afternoon a subpoena in ~~wiz~~ which Ehrlichman demands the surrender of [UPI:] "hundreds of Nixon-era documents still locked in White House vaults." The subpoena was issued 29 Aug and made public today.

"Although the Secret Service is in charge of safe-keeping of Mr. Nixon's tapes and files, it is unclear who has legal custody." See story for list of documents requested.

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Nixon WH documents - See entry, Ehrlichman (WH documents).