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## Ford 'Proud' of Nixon

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Vice President-designate Gerald Ford praised President Nixon's performance in a news conference last night as "superb."

"I was very proud of the President of the United States," Ford told a news conference here shortly before his address at a testimonial dinner for Representative Glenn Davis (Rep-Wis.), a long-time friend of Ford and Mr. Nixon. "I felt the President was strong but humble," he said.

In his 25 years in Congress, Ford said, he

could not recall a more difficult presidential session with the press, and he added, "I thought the President was just superb."

On Mr. Nixon's proposal regarding appointment of a new special prosecutor in the Watergate case, Ford said he felt such a prosecutor could move "vigorously and effectively." He said, however, that such a special prosecutor should operate within "responsible guidelines."

"I also feel that the President has been bending over backwards to be cooperative," he said of recent Watergate developments.

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