

Ford Vow to Continue His Nixon Defense

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Vice President Gerald R. Ford interrupted a sentimental visit home yesterday to pledge continued criticism of groups seeking the impeachment of President Nixon.

Ford reiterated that the latest developments in the Watergate tapes controversy do not warrant impeachment of Mr. Nixon.

"I will continue my criticism of groups (seeking impeachment) to alert the American people to this highly skilled propaganda campaign," Ford told newsmen.

Most of the day for Ford and his wife Betty was an occasion to celebrate his first visit home since becoming vice president. He represented this congressional district for 25 years until he resigned to accept the vice presidency.

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