

Nixon Japan Trip Sure, Ambassador Says

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U.S. Ambassador to Japan James Hodgson said yesterday that President Nixon has made clear his intention to visit Japan this year although no specific date has been set.

"You can be sure of his intention," the new envoy told a news conference of Japanese and American reporters.

Hodgson said that before he arrived in Tokyo on July 15 as presently planned, he would

confer with President Nixon here or in San Clemente following the President's return from his Moscow summit meeting.

"The President has indicated his interest in a visit to Japan this year," Hodgson

said. "I have heard nothing to the effect that he has changed his mind. But presidential visits are not planned far in advance and depend upon his schedule so no specific date has been set."