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Nixon Has a Picnic

San Clemente

Former President Nixon had a picnic yesterday with his daughter Tricia and son-in-law, Edward Cox, at a public beach 130 miles north of his villa here, a source close to the family said.

The drive came as a surprise even to his employees, who earlier said they thought Mr. Nixon was still at home.

It was later learned that Mr. Nixon and his party took a walk along Faria Park in the Rincon area north of Ventura.

Earlier yesterday a service station attendant in Oxnard, south of Ventura, said he had seen Mr. Nixon and Mrs. Cox sitting in the back of a Lincoln Continental which pulled in for gasoline.

The car was followed by another automobile containing three men he believed to be Secret Service agents. The men kept the attendant away from the Lincoln, then paid for \$18 in gasoline for both vehicles with two U.S. Treasury Department credit cards.

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