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Ford Will Testify Next Week

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President Ford will testify before a House judiciary subcommittee on his pardon for former President Nixon next week, panel chairman William L. Hungate (Dem-Mo.) said yesterday.

The Missouri Democrat said he expects to announce the day for Mr. Ford's testimony today.

The chairman also said he expects the hearing will be open to live television and radio coverage.

Mr. Ford told Hungate in a letter delivered Monday night that he will personally respond to 14 questions before the subcommittee on why he granted Mr. Nixon the pardon.

The questions include whether former White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. initiated negotiations for the pardon before Mr. Nixon resigned August 9, and what promises and conditions were made.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald Nessen said Mr. Ford agreed to testify because "he is the best person to supply the information that was requested."

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