

From transcript of Ford news conference, at the White House,
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Question 10. Plans for Nixon in Party.

Q. Mr. President, some people who have visited former President Nixon in recent months have quoted him as saying that he would like to, after his illness is over, become a major figure in the Republican party again. Do you foresee any time in the future when it would be beneficial for the Republican party to have him re-emerge as a leader?

A. I think any comment that I make in that regard is inappropriate at the present time. Mr. Nixon is still recovering from a very serious illness, and for me to speculate down the road I think is unwise at this point.

Question 13. The Watergate Scandal.

Q. Mr. President, I'm wondering if you agree, sir, with Leon Jaworski, who feels that the time has now come for former President Nixon to tell the truth about Watergate.

A. I don't think it's appropriate for me to give any advice to Mr. Nixon on that matter at this time. A fairly comprehensive story has been told in the impeachment hearings in the House in the testimony of many, many people in the court here in the District of Columbia. I think the proper place for any further discussion in this regard is the court system of the United States.