

NIXON WILL FILE REPORT ON CHINA

Plans to Submit Written Data
to the State Department

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WASHINGTON, March 2—
The White House disclosed today that former President Richard M. Nixon planned to file a written report with the State Department on the substance of his eight-day visit to China.

Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, disclosed the former President's plan with a gingerliness that served to stress President Ford's displeasure over the political complications caused by Mr. Nixon's trip.

"If the people in the State Department feel there is anything in the report that needs to be brought to the President's attention that we don't already know from our day to day diplomatic contact, I'm sure they will do it," Mr. Nessen said.

Mr. Nixon is the only American known to have had any substantive conversations with Hua Kuo-feng, the acting Prime Minister, or to have been in a position to make an appraisal of the leadership struggle in China. Mr. Nixon spent more than eight hours in discussions with Mr. Hua and with Mao Tse-tung, the chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.

Returned on Sunday

Even so, Mr. Nessen emphasized that neither the President and his senior aides nor Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had spoken with Mr. Nixon since he returned from China on Sunday.

Professing ignorance of some details and declining to provide others, Mr. Nessen said that Mr. Nixon's intention to file a report was conveyed by telephone last night or this morning to a "functionary" at the White House. He refused to identify the "functionary" and said the individual's identity was a "minor staffing detail."

Mr. Nessen said he did not know if Mr. Nixon had telephoned the White House personally, did not know if he had first offered the report to Mr. Ford rather than the State Department and did not know when the report would be submitted or to whom.

But the Presidential spokesman said with an air of finality that the decision by Mr. Nixon to provide a written report had been at Mr. Nixon's initiative.

'The Proper People'

President Ford and his senior assistants had been saying for more than a week that they had no intention of "debriefing" Mr. Nixon and that they were confident if the former President had learned anything of import he would, as Mr. Ford put it yesterday, "contact the proper people" at the State Department.

There appeared to be some embarrassment, accordingly, that Mr. Nixon had sent word of the report to the White House.

When one reporter suggested to Mr. Nessen that he seemed to be taking pains to display an arm's length approval by the White House to the subject of Mr. Nixon, Mr. Nessen smiled and said with apparent sarcasm, "that's a brilliant insight."

Asked by another reporter if there was any category of White House official lower than "functionary" to which the Nixon message might have been directed, Mr. Nessen replied, "flunky."