

7 Oct 74 - "Julie Nixon Eisenhower said [today] she would like to see her father serve the country as a 'roving ambassador.' 'I feel it would be really a tragedy if his gift for working with foreign leaders and for communicating so well in all his experiences in world affairs, if those weren't put to use,' Mrs. Eisenhower said while taping a segment of the nationally syndicated Mike Douglas show."

SFC 8 Oct 74 [UPI]

20 Oct 74 - NYT, datelined Hongkong: "A recent visitor to Peking reports having been told by Chinese officials that [Nixon] wrote a letter to Premier Chou at the time of his resignation as President. Mr. Nixon was said to have expressed regret that he would not be able to take part in the continued improvement of relations between the United States and China. Premier Chou ... was said to have sent a prompt and sympathetic response, assuring [Nixon] that he was still esteemed in Peking for having unfrozen the relations between the two countries. In conversations with foreigners, Chinese officials have left little doubt that they were unimpressed by the Watergate scandals and now genuinely regret Mr. Nixon's departure."

NYT 21 Oct 74, Joseph Lelyveld

9 - 30 Dec 74 - Mansfield in China.

WXP 2 Feb 75 [UPI]

6 Jan 75 - Mansfield confers with Ford.

WXP 2 Feb 75 [UPI]

9 Jan 75 - Korff press conference, San Clemente; visited Nixon 7 and 8 Jan. Says (WXP paraphrase:) that one of Nixon's repeated hopes is to play a role, perhaps as a lecturer in the U.S. and overseas, as an independent adviser in the field of foreign affairs. WXP: "From scattered reports, it appears that some of Nixon's fondest moments are spent recalling his impact on foreign affairs and the high regard in which he is held overseas."

- Korff says Nixon's "bones are sticking out," that right leg "lately has also showed signs of difficulty - I think some swelling." Dr. Lungren says through secretary he has no comment.

- Nixon, according to "friends and associates who have access to him" (no date), is still weak and thin, and blood pressure fluctuates erratically, but he appears out of danger and gaining slowly.

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9 Jan 75 (cont'd)

(This is in general conformity with estimate of
medical panel - entry 29 Nov 74.)

WXP 10 Jan 75, Leroy F. Aarons

NYT 10 Jan 75 (second paragraph, this date)

- Surprise birthday party for Nixon at San Clemente,
arranged by Rebozo, Abplanalp and Mrs. Nixon;
Nixon's mood is described as "vivacious."

SFC 17 Jan 75, Vera Glaser

10 Jan 75 - Ziegler, first on-the-record intv since Nixon's
resignation, LATimes, two hours; complains
bitterly about mistreatment of Nixon and his
"exile." Korff, in his press conference
yesterday, had also complained about mistreatment.
SFC 13 Jan 75 [LATimes, Reich and Seelye]

13 Jan 75 - Fourth National People's Congress of China in
session, the first such Congress in ten years.
Mao is not present; has never before missed a
party congress.

WXP 19 Jan 75, H.D.S. Greenway - China file

15 Jan - 12 Feb 75 - Christopher Janus says (12 Feb, New York)
that Empire State woman contacted him through
her lawyer "four weeks ago" (15 Jan - 12 Feb) ^{NYT-4}
demanding a written guarantee from China that
there would be no legal claim against her.* Had
earlier asked for letter from State Department
promising no U.S. action against her, which has
been provided (no date). Last news story on
this woman in file, excluding round-up stories,
is dated 2 Sep 72.

Reward offered by Janus now stands at
\$150,000. Original offer was \$5,000, 16 Jun 72;
increased to \$100,000 4 Oct 73. Janus says he
has \$500,000 available for the actual bones of
Peking Man; had said 28 Jun 72 this was the
amount she wanted. He presumably has had access
to this amount since 4 Aug 72, when his NYT ad
said "Funds avail.; no questions."

SFC 13 Feb 75 [UPI]

(no date).

*Janus says Chinese have balked at providing such a guarantee/

Nixon (China) = 4

16 - 20 Jan 75 - Ford's rating stands at new low in Harris poll taken during this period: 36% positive, 60% negative, 4% not sure; figures for Sep 74 were 67% positive, 20% negative, 13% not sure.
WXP 3 Feb 75

23 (?) Jan - 6 Feb 75 - Bush, having returned from China temporarily, is in WK during this period; date of actual return from China not given. Returns to China 6 Feb; says in intv that day that U.S. "[wants] to strive to ... fulfillment" of Shanghai communique. Story suggests upgrading of his post to full ambassadorship.

"Kissinger ... reportedly had previously told the U.S. envoy not to discuss the China situation during his recent two weeks [23 (?) Jan to 6 Feb] in Washington. ... However, [Bush] is believed privately to have advocated further accommodations with the People's Republic on the Taiwan issue in hopes of moving toward full recognition by the Chinese government."

WXP 7 Feb 75, Lou Cannon

23 (?) Jan 75 - State Department says Kissinger, in California for speech in Los Angeles, will see Nixon this weekend, first meeting since resignation. Details of visit not yet complete.

Date of State Dep't announcement is not given but story is printed 24 Jan, a Friday, the same day Kissinger has dinner with the Nixons.

SFC 24 Jan 75 [AP]

23 Jan 75 - Goldwater has lunch with Nixon who "seemed to be quite cheerful and is well aware of what's going on." Goldwater says (28 Jan) that Nixon told him today he wants "to get back into the political arena - not as a candidate - but as a party spokesman."

WXP 29 Jan 75 [UPI]

24 Jan 75 - Lungren says (28 Jan) that he examined Nixon today, 70 minutes. May be well enough next month to travel, even by plane. (This is in general conformity with estimate of medical panel - entry 29 Nov 74.) Says fluctuating blood pressure (WXP:) is no longer an immediate threat.

WXP 29 Jan 75 [UPI]

- Kissinger has dinner with the Nixons.

SFC 31 Jan 75 [UPI]

28 Jan 75 - Goldwater tells GOP senators at closed luncheon meeting of Nixon's remarks on his wish to be a spokesman and fund-raiser for the GOP. "One GOP senator who wouldn't be identified said: 'There was silence when he (Goldwater) said that.'" AMP-D

SFC 30 Jan 75 [AP]

- Goldwater tells press (television intv?) of his meeting with Nixon (see 23 Jan). This is printed 29 Jan, same day as report of Lungren intv (24 Jan) in which he told of improvement in Nixon's condition.

WXP 29 Jan 75 [UPI - separate stories]

- Reagans have dinner with Nixon; Reagan says (30 Jan) that Nixon (UPI:) appeared to be well.

SFC 31 Jan 75 [UPI]

29 Jan 75 - Republican reaction to Goldwater statements yesterday.

NYT 30 Jan 75 [AP]

1 Feb 75 - Mansfield makes report to Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his trip to China. (Congress had adjourned 20 or 21 Dec 74; new Congress convened 14 Jan 75.)

Mansfield says the United States so far has failed to implement "the obvious intent" of the 1972 Shanghai communique, that Chinese leaders are not satisfied with progress in U.S.-Chinese relations, and that he may favor cutting U.S. ties with Nationalist government on Taiwan.

WXP 2 Feb 75 [UPI]

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- 2 Feb 75 - "Report of a Nixon 'Fantasy'" that he would not mind being U.S. ambassador to China some day.
SFC 3 Feb 75 [AP]
Time magazine 10 Feb, filed 3 Feb 75
- More on Republican reaction to Goldwater statements of 28 Jan, including criticism of him for having made them to the press.
WXP 2 Feb 75, Evans and Novak

6 Feb 75 - See 23 (?) Jan - 6 Feb 75.

Bush leaves today, to return to Peking.
"Bush departed after hinting that the United States might be ready to move ahead in its long-promised efforts to strengthen its relationship with the People's Republic of China. ... Without giving details, he said that the United States will improve its relationships with the People's Republic. 'We have reiterated our support of the Shanghai communique,' Bush said. 'We want to strive to its fulfillment.' ... Bush's general statement of U.S. willingness to improve its relations with Peking was cast in similar words to those used earlier in the week by ... Kissinger. [This would cover period Sunday, 2 Feb to 6 Feb.]

- "In an interview [today], Bush discussed ... a recent remark by [Nixon] that he, Nixon, might one day become ambassador to China. 'I'm very happy in my job,' Bush said with a smile in response to the Nixon suggestion. ... If [Bush] serves the expected two years of duty in Peking, he would not return to the United States until late in 1976."

WXP 7 Feb 75, Lou Cannon

(A) - Lawyer identified himself as Harrison Seng. NYT 17 Feb 75 says "Bar Associations have no record of him." Story does not say how many bar associations were contacted. Story also says that "In an attempt to learn the woman's name, agents from the [FBI] were for a time, helping Dr. Shapiro track down marines who served at Camp Holcomb. The effort failed." Story does not say how intensive an effort was made by the FBI to identify her. Presumably the Marine Corps has records of the men at Camp Holcomb in Dec 71* and any stationed in China later. Would the widow of one of these men not be receiving a pension or an allowance of some kind?

SFC 13 Feb 75 [UPI]

*Article by Harry L. Shapiro in Nov 71 issue of Natural History says there were 17 Marines in Dr. Foley's unit at Camp Holcomb.

(B) - See ref. for the views of Mansfield and others.
WXP 14 Feb 75, Stephen S. Rosenfeld - China file

(C) - 3 Feb? This is a date given for a statement by Kissinger, "We do not have the impression that the Chinese leaders are dissatisfied with the state of American relations."

WXP 14 Feb 75, Stephen S. Rosenfeld - China file

(D) - Bob Considine quotes unnamed "former Nixon administration cabinet officer whose friendship with the former President is still strong" as saying privately, "He's finished, kaput, and nobody knows it better than Dick. He knows he'd hurt us tremendously if he tried any kind of a comeback. God knows we're hurting enough."

SFEx 16 Feb 75, Bob Considine