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**Ford Says Nixon Told Him
He Won't Quit Presidency**

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Vice President Ford today quoted President Nixon as having told him today that he had no intention of resigning.

"I can assure you that the President has no intention whatsoever of resigning," Mr. Ford said at his first news conference since taking office as Vice President last night. He made his remarks in response to questions.

"I heard him say it before, and he reiterated it today," Mr. Ford said. "I don't think he should resign. I see no evidence whatsoever that would justify a favorable vote in the House of Representatives on impeachment."

The new Vice President predicted that Mr. Nixon would be exonerated when all the facts became known.

During his 20-minute news conference, Mr. Ford appeared relaxed and more rested than he had on the previous day, which began with a House debate and vote on his confirmation and ended with a thronged party after he had been sworn into office.

Mr. Ford met with the President just after noon today at the White House. He said that they discussed his new role on the National Security Council and on the Domestic Council during the 25-minute meeting.

A number of Republicans in Congress have said privately that they expect and hope that Mr. Nixon will resign in the months ahead, thus relieving them of the need to face up to a possible vote on his impeachment.

They have expressed the belief that now that the Vice-Presidential vacancy has been filled by a man whose domestic and foreign views are virtually identical with his own, Mr. Nixon may be more willing to step aside.

Mr. Ford made it clear today that he did not share that belief.

"If the President continues to be successful in solving Middle East problems, there will be a groundswell of support," he said. "The American people are far more interested in peace than in a matter like Water-

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gate."

Mr. Ford said that he did not think that the President "is a political liability to any candidate" and that the President's appearance on behalf of any Republican candidate for Congress "ought to be an asset."

Full Disclosure Favored

Asked how he thought Mr. Nixon could restore confidence in his leadership, Mr. Ford said that this could be done through more trips into various parts of the country, more news conferences and full disclosure of all materials sought by the courts or Congressional investigators.

He said that he expected Mr. Nixon to release full details of his personal finances and his role in the International Telephone and Telegraph Company and dairy fund cases by the end of this month. He said that he also understood that the President had given "considerable thought" to various procedures leading to a possible meeting between Mr. Nixon and members of the Senate's special Watergate investigation committee.

Mr. Ford will preside over the National Security Council and the Domestic Council whenever Mr. Nixon is away. He also said that he intended to preside over the Senate as

frequently as possible. He said that he did not expect to travel abroad at this time.

Responding to a question, he said that he had not heard from his predecessor, Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned Oct. 10 just before pleading no contest to a tax evasion charge. However, Mr. Ford said that his wife received a call yesterday from Mrs. Agnew, wishing her well.

Mr. Ford began his first day

as Vice President by signing pay vouchers, receiving parking places for his staff and looking through his mail. He then presided over the opening of the day's Senate session at 10 A.M.

After 12 minutes in the chair, he left to do other chores but returned later for part of the debate on a \$20-billion Federal energy research bill. He then left again, this time for his appointment with the President.