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Nixon Valet Talks About The Pardon

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Richard Nixon's valet said yesterday that his boss is in good spirits and is working on his papers. He said President Ford's pardon of Mr. Nixon was "a big relief to us all."

The valet, Manolo Sanchez, was interviewed as he bought a packet of pipe tobacco for Mr. Nixon in a shopping center near the sprawling desert estate of Walter H. Annenberg, ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon have been at the Annenbergs' home since Sunday.

"After he resigned, it was a hard time for all of us," Sanchez said. "Some day I'm going to tell you everything, the way they framed him. I think maybe it was even harder on me than it was on him."

"The pardon was a big relief to us all. He is in good spirits, thank you, God."

Sanchez said Mr. Nixon had gone swimming in the estate's pool and planned a round of golf. But Sanchez said the former president is spending most of his time "in an office, working on his papers."

Literary agent Irving Lazar said Sunday in New York that Mr. Nixon had authorized Lazar to negotiate the sale of his memoirs for what will probably be more than \$2 million in advance payments.

Sanchez would not say whether the papers he referred to were Mr. Nixon's memoirs. He declined to say anything else about the former chief executive.

"You're going to get me fired if I say any more," the valet said.

A police source said earlier that the Nixons, a secretary and several Secret Service agents plan to stay at the Annenbergs' for an indefinite time.

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