

# List of Questions Ford Faces on Pardon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 — Following are 10 questions about the pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon that President Ford agreed Monday to answer personally before a House Subcommittee.

## Abzug Resolution

Questions in a resolution of inquiry introduced by Representative Bella S. Abzug, Democrat of Manhattan, and 13 co-sponsors.

1. Did you or your representatives have specific knowledge of any formal criminal charges pending against Richard M. Nixon prior to issuance of the pardon? If so, what were these charges?
2. Did Alexander Haig [White House chief of staff] refer to or discuss a pardon for Richard M. Nixon with Richard M. Nixon or representatives of Mr. Nixon at any time during the week of Aug. 4, 1974, or at any subsequent time? If so, what promises were made or conditions set for a pardon, if any? If so, were tapes or transcriptions of any kind made of these conversations or were any notes taken? If so, please provide such tapes, transcriptions or notes.
3. When was a pardon for Richard M. Nixon first referred to or discussed with Richard M. Nixon, or representatives of Mr. Nixon, by you or your representatives or aides, including the period when you were a member of Congress or Vice President?
4. Who participated in these and subsequent discussions or negotiations with Richard M. Nixon or his representatives regarding a pardon, and at what specific times and locations?
5. Did you consult with Attorney General William Saxbe

Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski before making the decision to pardon Richard M. Nixon and, if so, what facts and legal authorities did they give to you?

6. Did you consult with the Vice-Presidential nominee, Nelson Rockefeller, before making the decision to pardon Richard M. Nixon and, if so, what facts and legal authorities did he give to you?

7. Did you consult with any other attorneys or peace officers of law, before making any decision to pardon Richard M. Nixon, and, if so, what facts or legal authorities did they give to you?

8. Did you or your representatives ask Richard M. Nixon to make a confession or state which were allegedly commitment of criminal guilt, and, if so, what language was suggested or requested by you, granted by your representatives, Mr. Nixon

or his representatives? Was any statement of any kind requested from Mr. Nixon in exchange for the pardon, and, if so, please provide the suggested or requested language.

9. Was the statement by Richard M. Nixon immediately subsequent to announcement of the pardon made known to you or your representatives prior to pardon which may be approved by you or your representatives?

10. Did you receive any reports from a psychiatrist or other physician stating that Richard M. Nixon was in other than

good health? If so, please provide such reports.

## Conyers' Resolution

A resolution of inquiry introduced by Representative John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, with no initial co-sponsors asks for full details (and) pertinent facts on which Mr. Ford based the pardon decision, including the following:

1. Any representations made by or on behalf of Richard M. Nixon to the President.

2. Any information or facts presented to the President with respect to the mental or physical health of Richard M. Nixon.

3. Any information in possession or control of the President

regarding the offenses to which a pardon was granted by Richard M. Nixon and so, what language was suggested or requested by you, granted by your representatives, Mr. Nixon

or his representatives? Was any statement of any kind requested from Mr. Nixon in exchange for connection with a pardon for the pardon, and, if so, please provide the suggested or requested language.

4. Any representations made by or on behalf of the President to Richard M. Nixon

regarding alleged offenses against the United States. The President is further directed to furnish the House of Representatives the full and complete information and facts in his possession, control and relating to any or your representatives prior to pardon which may be charged or convicted of any offense against the United States within the jurisdiction of the Office of Watergate Special Prosecutor

Force.