

Ford Will Keep Touch With Nixon

Washington

President Ford intends to keep in touch with former President Nixon from time to time, but there is no present plan for the two men to consult regularly, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

Press secretary Jerald F. terHorst was asked why Mr. Ford informed Mr. Nixon of the choice of former New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to be Vice President before it was announced to the nation.

TerHorst said it was "a courtesy call" because Mr. Ford knew that Mr. Nixon would like to know who was picked for Vice President.

"I think from time to time he will call him, instead of having him read it on the ticker," terHorst said.

"There is no element of consultation involved. The President thought it was a nice thing to do."

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