

Excerpt from story in SFChronicle (L.A. Times Service),  
"Nixon's Gradual Shift on China," this file 17 Jul 71:

..... It all came to head with Mr. Nixon's announcement of his trip to China sometime before next May because, as he put it, "there can be no stable and enduring peace without the participation of the Peoples Republic of China."

But he had expressed his dream with feeling on April 16 when, appearing before a panel at the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he was asked about his hopes in regard to U.S. relations with China.

After recounting some history, he concluded by saying:

"The other day was Easter Sunday [11 Apr 71]. Both my daughters, Tricia and Julie, were there -- Tricia with Eddie Cox -- I understand they are getting married this June -- and Julie and David Eisenhower.

"The conversation got around to travel and also, of course, with regard to honeymoon travel and the rest. They were asking me, where would you like to go?

"So, I sat back and thought a bit and said, 'Well, the place to go is Asia.' I said: 'I hope that some time in your life, sooner rather than later, you will be able to go to China to see the great cities, and the people, and all of that, there.'

"I hope they do. As a matter of fact, I hope sometime I do."

15 Jul 71 - Nixon announces visit to China.