

Nixon Eyes 'Shadow'

Connection to Peking

SAN CLEMENTE — President Nixon will seek to establish a direct and continuous diplomatic link with Communist China during his visit to Peking late next month.

The Administration has several proposals under study, including a permanent negotiating team headed by a "shadow ambassador," who would be a recognized authority on China and would

handle all contacts between the two countries.

This, it is learned, is what Nixon had in mind when he spoke recently of "normalization in terms of setting up some method of communication better than we currently have."

Dialog

The President said in this interview with CBS reporter Dan Rather last Sunday that nations without formal diplomatic relations, in the con-

ventional sense, can nevertheless maintain a continuous dialog.

The President's hope for an agreement on this point undoubtedly was based upon the belief that Chinese Communist leaders would accept such a link despite the fact that the United States formally recognizes the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Peking claims sovereignty over Taiwan, and the detente the President seeks with the mainland is clouded by this issue.

Competent government sources believe that Peking can "live with" the presence of U.S. troops on Taiwan. The Communists thus will not balk at a system of direct contacts with Washington, it is reasoned.

Chaing

The supposition is that Peking authorities can wait out the aging Chaing.

Any agreement on creating a formal link with Peking that circumvents the issue of recognition would be hailed as a positive accomplishment by the President, who has often stressed the need for a dialog with a nation of 750 million people, and a growing nuclear capability.

An American mission or delegation conceivably could be based in New York and work with the Chinese delegation to the United Nations.