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Nixon Briefed by Expert on China

WASHINGTON — (AP) — After opening wider the door for trade with China, President Nixon has received a two-stage briefing from a French intellectual who knows the Chinese leaders Nixon will meet next week.

An 80-minute meeting with France's Andre Malraux and a private White House dinner for him last night came as spokesman sketched a rough itinerary for Nixon's week-long China visit.

Included are an open-ended series of meetings with Communist leaders, a round of four banquets in three cities and sightseeing trips to the Great Wall and other Chinese shrines.

Nixon, who leaves Thursday on the first leg of his historic journey, sought the meeting with Malraux to get the Frenchman's impres-

sions of Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai and other Communist officials as part of his last-minute cramming for the trip.

A few hours before greeting the French author and former culture minister, the White House announced that Nixon was taking a series of steps to place China on the same trade footing as the Soviet Union and most other Eastern European Communist countries.

While rejecting suggestions that timing of the announcement was linked to Nixon's fast-approaching departure for China, presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler said:

"We hope the People's Republic of China will be receptive to this step . . . We hope they would welcome

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this additional step forward in opening up trade."

Basically, Nixon's actions allow the export to China of such U.S. products as locomotives, construction equipment, industrial chemicals, internal combustion engines and rolling mills.

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These will now be added to the list of products that can be shipped to China through commercial channels by holders of a broad, general license — as opposed to special licenses that require case-by-case decisions.

Nixon decided, Ziegler said, that his action "was consistent with the general interest of the United States and not detrimental to our security."

Ziegler, outlining a "very rough itinerary" for Nixon's China trip, said the President will use Chinese-built limousines while there and will fly from Peking to Hangchow in an airplane supplied by the Chinese government — the first time he will have used non-U.S. aircraft during his extensive travels.

The President, Mrs. Nixon and the official party of 13 White House and State Department advisers will fly Thursday from Washington to Hawaii, where they will spend two nights and one day before heading on to Guam for an overnight stop.

Shanghai Step

From Guam, Nixon will fly to Shanghai, arriving there about 9 a.m. China time Monday, Feb. 21. After leaving the plane for a brief rest, he will fly on to Peking, arriving at 11:30 a.m. Monday (7:30 p.m. PST Sunday).

There he will be officially greeted by Chinese officials,

probably including Premier Chou En-lai.

After being driven to the Peking guest house, Nixon will begin a series of meetings with Chou and possibly Mao Tse-tung. Ziegler said these will dominate the five days Nixon is in Peking.

Also on the schedule in the Chinese capital are a cultural show, a gymnastic event and two banquets, one hosted by Chou and the other by Nixon.

In addition, Ziegler said, Nixon probably will visit the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs and the Forbidden City.

Mrs. Nixon probably will tour a children's hospital, a commune, a glassware factory and such historical sites as the Temple of Heavenly Peace.

On Feb. 26, the American delegation will fly to the resort city of Hangchow aboard an aircraft provided by the Chinese government. There they will take a boat tour of scenic West Lake and attend a banquet before flying Feb. 27 to Shanghai.

There they will visit an industrial exhibition and attend another banquet, then leave Feb. 28 on the return trip to Washington, stopping at Anchorage, Alaska, for refueling.