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Ford calls Nixon this evening, from his own house in Virginia, and they talk for more than 15 minutes. According to terHorst, Ford expressed his appreciation for Nixon's letter of congratulation on Ford's address to Congress of the ~~evening~~ previous evening.

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San Clemente (beach) - "The beach fronting [Nixon's] estate is once again open to the public. A San Clemente city life guard said Tuesday (13 Aug) the beach may be used by anyone. Its closure through the weekend, despite [Nixon's] resignation last Friday, drew protests from surfing enthusiasts who consider the beach one of the best in Southern California for their sport. When Mr. Nixon was in residence here as President, the beach was closed to the public for security reasons and a Coast Guard patrol watched for trespassers."

SFC 15 Aug 74 [AP] - ~~filed Nixon~~

Nixon (handwriting) - Analysis by graphologist of three samples of Nixon's signature, "the first written shortly after he took office in 1969, the second several months ago and the third very recently." The graphologist is Felix Lehmann, who says of the third sample, "There's nothing left. Only a shadow. His ambitions are over. A shapeless stroke, ambiguity. A disintegration of personality, a person sinking within himself."

WXP 14 Aug 74 [AP]

SFC 13 Aug 74 [AP] - filed Nixon. (Longer version, including reproduction of three samples examined.)

Nixon pardon - From review by Michael Harris of book by Clark Mollenhoff, "The Man Who Pardoned Nixon":

"Mollenhoff found himself praising the new President in a conversation [13 Aug 74] with H.R. Gross, one of the most conservative members of Congress, soon after Nixon resigned.

"'I was extolling Ford's record in a manner that glossed over or excused a few controversial points,' Mollenhoff recalled.

"'Come down off that cloud,' the crusty Iowa Republican verbally slapped me on the cheek. 'Ford will probably be

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better than Nixon, and that's only because Nixon made such a mess of it, but I have seen Jerry Ford operate for 25 years. Jerry Ford will deal on anything, and don't forget it."

"[Mollenhoff] clearly believes, but cannot prove, that Ford's heavy obligations to Nixon led to the controversial pardon of the former President."

SFC 1 Aug 76, Michael Harris      A M P - A

Ford - See entry, Ford, Nixon pardon.

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(A) - Do not have date of publication, but Mollenhoff's Introduction in book is date 15 Mar 76. It was also reviewed by John Barkham, SFC 9 Jul 76.