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Nixon (return to public life?) - According to unnamed "associates" and "friends who see him frequently" Nixon is spending hours on the telephone, giving "discreet" advice to Republican leaders around the country. Among these are (NYT:) "members of Congress and the Ford Administration, and some of the Republican party's most generous financial supporters. At least one of his telephone calls ... went to Howard H. Callaway, ... Mr. Ford's 1976 campaign manager." Other calls have been to Senators Hugh Scott, John Rhodes, ~~and~~ Barry Goldwater, Strom Thurmond, and to California's Republican state chairman, Paul Haerle.

"A San Clemente friend said that Mr. Nixon had talked with President Ford at least six times recently about 'political and other matters,' although Mr. Ford has initiated only one call to his predecessor - on his 62nd birthday last Jan. 9.

"More frequent and more political have been Mr. Nixon's calls to Secretary of State Kissinger."

Story says there has been a "renewal of Mr. Nixon's spirits and confidence" and that he is talking about "a new career of public service as well as an 'exploratory' trip to Europe, possibly next year." Nixon was described this week by a member of his staff as "a rejuvenated and impatient man."

- Health. "[Nixon] is making a steady recovery in body and spirit, according to his friend and neighbor, Paul Presley, although his illness has left its marks - a slight stoop, more gray hair, the trace of a frown above his sunken cheeks and more flaccid jowls. 'But he is remarkably improved, more cheerful and more alert and his limp is rarely noticeable,' Mr. Presley said....

"Sitting with a visitor around his swimming pool two weeks ago, Mr. Nixon said:

"I'm 90 per cent as good as new now."

- Watergate. "[A] staff member described [Nixon] as feeling that after 12 months, 'the emotionalism is fast draining out of Watergate,' giving way to new concerns over the economy, the energy crisis and other issues. He was said to feel that public rancor toward him had given way to a more temperate attitude, and that the American people were coming more and more to look upon him as a man who may have

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made serious errors of judgment but who did his best in the national interest."

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Nixon Law Office Preservation, Inc. - See entry 11 Aug 75,
Nixon's former law office.

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See entry 13 Oct 75, Nixon, return to public life.