

'Eat Your Vegetables'

Boy Tells Nixon What to Do

A bashful 8-year-old Livermore lad—who told President Nixon to “be a good boy and eat your vegetables”—was slightly

awed yesterday when the President read the letter to his White House staff after leaving the hospital. “I just wanted to make

the President feel happy,” said John W. James III, who was recovering from a similar bout with viral pneumonia when he scrawled a hand-

written note on binder paper to Mr. Nixon last week. The youngster — whose bedroom is decorated with stars and stripes wallpaper



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'Hello, Mr. Nixon'

On his way to Camp David, Md., after his release from the hospital yesterday, President Nixon stopped along a road in the Catoclin

Mountains to chat with a group of Girl Scouts. When he greeted them, the girls surrounded him, shouting, 'Hello, Mr. Nixon.'

and portraits of Lincoln and Washington offered Mr. Nixon a stern prescription:

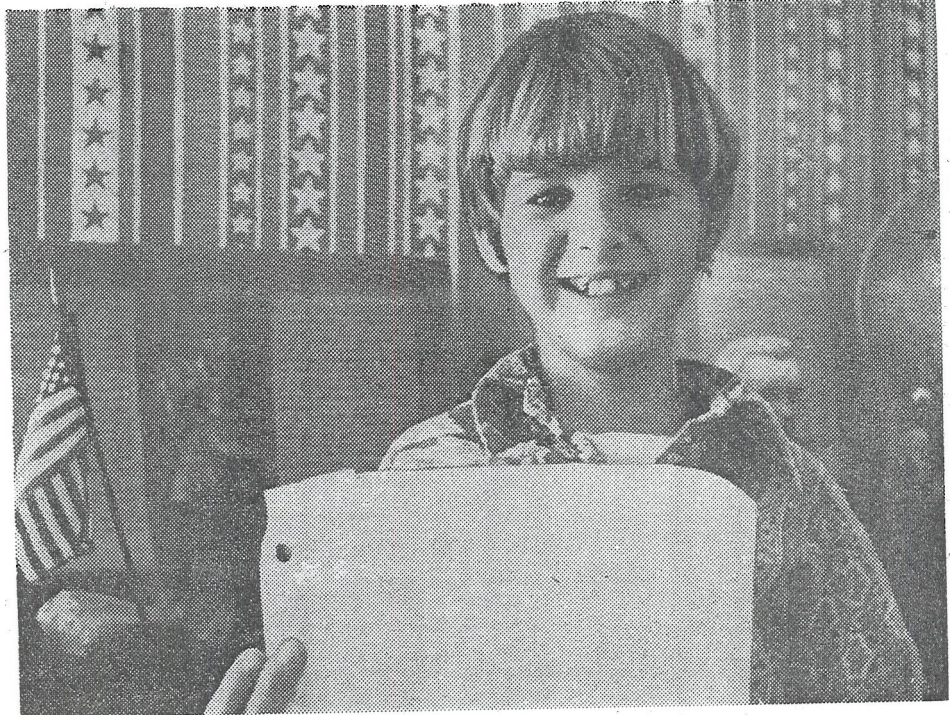
"Now you be a good boy and eat your vegetables like I had too (sic). If you take your medicine and your shots, yru'll be out of the hospital in eight days like I was."

The President was released from Bethesda Naval Medical Center after the eight days predicted by the youth.

Upon his release, Mr. Nixon told his staff about some of the people who had written him during his hospital stay. The President singled out John's letter and said, "I hate vegetables — but I took his advice."

The shy, blonde-haired boy explained he had just returned home from Alameda hospital last week when he heard the President had become ill with pneumonia.

"When I heard on the news that Nixon was in the hospital, I sat down and



JOHN W. JAMES III, MR. NIXON'S YOUNG HEALTH ADVISER
The Livermore youngster held a copy of the medical note he sent

wrote the letter," he said. "But my mother helped me mail it."

His mother, Vivian, is a Republican stalwart who served as a Nixon precinct worker in the last election. His father, John James Jr., who works in Concord as a cement mason, is a longtime supporter of the President.

"I like the President, I think he's a nice man," said John, who still has a trace of

a cough from his illness.

His mother said she and John occasionally watch the Watergate hearings, between quiz shows and coloring books.

"I think it all has something to do with spying — but I know the President didn't do a thing, he's an honest man," John said of the Watergate hearing.

"But I don't want to be

president," he said. "I'm interested in my dogs, my rocks, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington."

Prisoner Freed

New Delhi

A Pakistani prisoner of war was freed yesterday so he could go home to see his 3½-year-old daughter, who is dying of cancer.

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