

# Nixon's Many Friends

Washington

A 20-foot-long petition of support was unrolled on the royal blue carpet of President Nixon's Oval Office Wednesday as he met with backers from across the country.

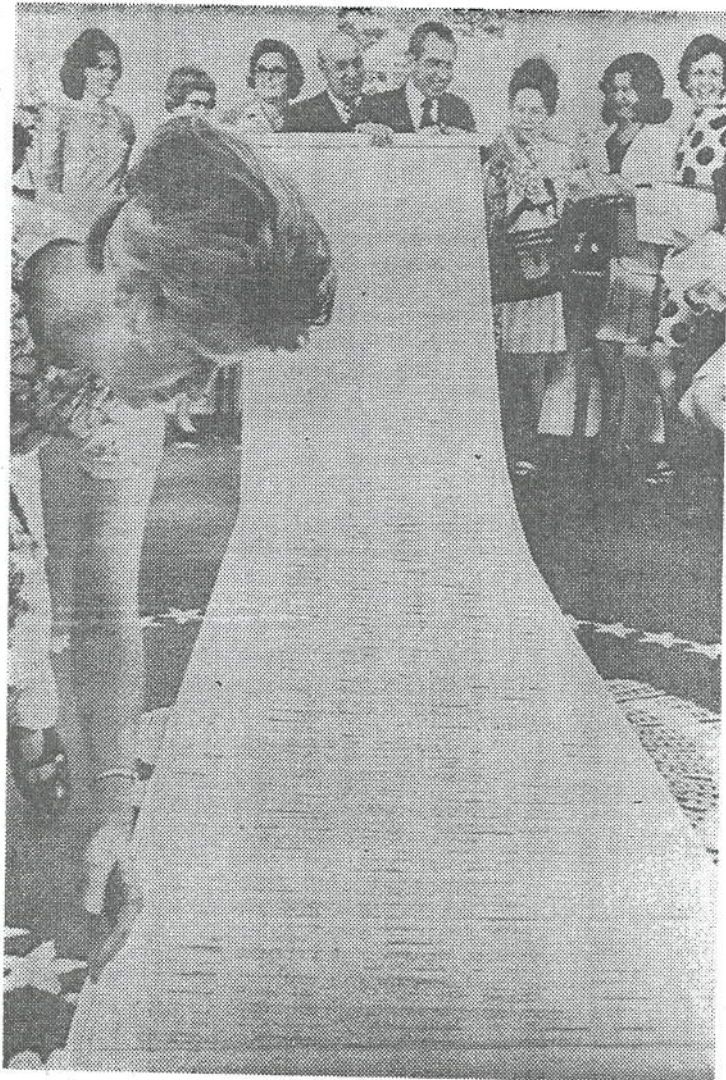
With Mr. Nixon holding one end of the document, Leslie Dutton of Malibu, Calif., unfurled the other end for the benefit of photographers.

The three-foot-wide document was plastered with coupons clipped from newspaper ads soliciting support for Mr. Nixon.

Mrs. Dutton said most of the coupons had come from the West Los Angeles area. "It's great country," Mr. Nixon said of the Southern California region.

"It's Nixon country," said Mrs. Dutton. Another of the Nixon supporters chimes in: "The whole country is Nixon country."

The White House described the 11 individuals as



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The President held one end of the 20-foot petition of support

representative of "a number of groups throughout the country who have voluntari-

ly worked to support the President."

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