

Nixon Is Still

Hoping to Visit Japan

Washington

President Nixon met for an hour yesterday with Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

After the meeting, a spokesman said the President still hopes to visit Japan before the end of 1974 and would welcome a return visit from Emperor Hirohito "any time he wishes to come."

The spokesman, Gerald L. Warren, shrugged off weekend news reports from Tokyo quoting Japanese government sources as saying an exchange of visits, set for later this year, is now virtually impossible because of the congressional impeachment inquiry.

Ohira subsequently told a news conference the two countries had agreed in principle on a five-year plan for cooperation in energy research and development.

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