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Governor

on pardon:

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CHICAGO — California Gov. Reagan, carefully picking his way through political minefields, said in Chicago that the pardoning of Richard Nixon just before the November elections will not help Republicans.

He also indicated yesterday he believes that Nixon's role in Watergate has not been fully explained, and he criticized Nixon for having yielded to pressure by business and labor in 1971 when he instituted controls.

Reagan, considered by many the leading conservative candidate for the 1976 GOP presidential nomination after President Ford, said Ford had a difficult choice in deciding whether to pardon his predecessor.

Asked whether Nixon owes the nation a fuller explanation of his involvement in Watergate, Reagan said he does.