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Ford Reported Rejecting Haig's Pardon Bid

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Former White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. approached President Ford nine days before the Nixon presidency ended about a possible pardon for the former President, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

Newsweek said Mr. Ford will testify about his discussion with Haig when he appears personally before a House Judiciary subcommittee.

According to Newsweek, Haig approached Mr. Ford Aug. 1 about a possible pardon for Richard M. Nixon. Newsweek said Mr. Ford gave a negative answer the following day to Nixon counsel James D. St. Clair.

St. Clair then told Mr. Ford that information would soon be released that would force President Nixon to resign, Newsweek said.