

Nixon's China Trip Opposed By Top Demo

Washington

The Senate Intelligence Committee has almost all the desired responses from former President Nixon and hopes to have the rest before he departs on a private trip to China this week, a committee spokesman said yesterday.

But while the committee awaited his response, the trip came in for criticism as Robert Strauss, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said President Ford should ask Mr. Nixon to cancel his travel plans.

"You know as well as I do that our former President, who went to China the way he did and opened the doors, doesn't go over there as a private citizen," he said.

"I would suggest the President call upon him not to go," Strauss said in a televised interview on NBC's Today show.

Mr. Nixon is to arrive in China Saturday, three days before the New Hampshire primary. He made his first trip in 1972 when, as president, he reopened informal relations with the Communist power.

A spokesman for the Senate panel said it expects an "expeditious" answer from Mr. Nixon to the remainder of a February 5 questionnaire. The answers already received came to Washington from Mr. Nixon's San Clemente, Calif., retreat and are now undergoing review by Mr. Nixon's lawyers and committee counsel.

The key questions dealt with U.S. involvement in Chile in the early 1970s and the abortive "Huston plan" he ordered and then canceled in 1970 to harass and disrupt dissident domestic groups through wiretap, break-ins, physical surveillance and mail intercept.

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