

CBS Radio (10 a.m.)

Network announcer: It was revealed by Secretary of State Kissinger this morning [in Brasilia] that Mr. Nixon will report to the Ford administration on his trip to China, especially on any talks he might have with the new acting premier. Earlier administration statements had indicated that Mr. Nixon was travelling to China totally as a private citizen and there were no plans for him [to report?] on his trip. Dr. Kissinger says he's not sure whether the former President will report to him, or directly to President Ford.

ABC Radio (12 noon)

George Caldwell (New York?): Secretary of State Kissinger wants to get a report from former President Nixon on his meetings this weekend with Chinese leaders. That's a reversal from earlier government statements, which sought to downplay the importance of the Nixon visit. American diplomatic officials apparently are eager to get their first face-to-face accounts of China's new leadership since the death of Premier Chou En-lai. Nixon arrived in Peking this morning.

The disclosure about debriefing former President Nixon came during a Kissinger news conference in Brasilia, Brasil. That conference was originally called to announce a significant new agreement with the government of Brasil. [This is followed by an ABC report from Brasilia on the signing of the agreement.]

CBS Radio (1 p.m.)

Network announcer: [First few words missed.] ... Watergate disgrace. Private citizen Richard Nixon returned today to Peking. His public emergence came following a year and a half of almost unbroken seclusion at San Clemente. Mr. Nixon got a warm reception from the Chinese, as reporter Barry Kalb observed in Peking.

Kalb [voice]: A crowd of 350 Chinese was at the airport to greet and cheer him, brought by the Peking city government. A delegation of Chinese officials, led by acting premier Hua Kuo-feng, gave the official welcome. Mr. Nixon smiled, waved and acknowledged the cheers. With his wife, Pat, walking with him and his Secret Service contingent following behind, it looked for a minute as if he were still President, as if Watergate had never happened. He was taken to the state guest house, the same place both he and President Ford stayed in on their earlier visits here. Tomorrow night there will be a banquet in his honor. Next week he will be having formal meetings with Chinese leaders, undoubtedly including Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

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