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ABC Radio (10 a.m.)

[The following item was preceded by one on Goldwater's criticism of Nixon.]

Mr. Nixon [gave] a glittering farewell banquet in Peking, in which acting Premier Hua Kuo-feng urged closer U.S.-China ties, reminding his host it was during the Nixon presidency that renewed U.S.-China ties began. Mr. Nixon told the Peking banquet:

Nixon [voice]: We have begun to build a great bridge, a bridge that will reach all the way from the Golden Gate of California to the golden Gate of Heavenly Peace in Peking.

Mr. Nixon leaves for Canton, China, tomorrow. Earlier today Mr. Nixon denied he'd made statements in Peking critical of U.S. foreign policy.

[End of item.]

KCBS, San Francisco (12:30 p.m.)

Excerpt:

.... Henry Kissinger says Nixon will be debriefed at his San Clemente retreat when he returns from China. Kissinger would not say if he would be involved in questioning Nixon.

[Item does not include time or place of Kissinger statement.]

ABC Radio (1 p.m.)

Excerpt:

.... On Capitol Hill, Secretary Kissinger was asked how he views the Nixon trip.

Kissinger [voice]: In my role as Secretary of State, we obviously prefer to [word missed; deal?] with other governments through official channels.

But Kissinger said he welcomes any statement the Chinese make.