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Nixons will visit China

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WASHINGTON — Former President Nixon and his wife, Pat, will visit China this month at the invitation of leaders in Peking, the Chinese government and the White House said today.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Nixon's trip will be "a private visit by a private citizen" with no White House involvement.

The Chinese government is sending a plane to pick up the Nixons. Arrangements are being

coordinated by the State Department and the aircraft will land at the El Toro Marine Air Base near San Clemente, Nessen said.

The announcement originally was made by Peking's New China News Agency earlier today.

It said Chinese leaders had invited Nixon to revisit China Feb. 21, the fourth anniversary of his historic trip to Peking in 1972, and that he had accepted with pleasure.

"There is no significance attached to the trip by the White House," Nessen said.