Kissinger Says U.S. Will Debrief Nixon

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Brasilia, Feb. 21 - The State Department will want to talk to former President Richard M. Nixon about "the nature of his discussions and about his impressions" when Nixon returns from his current visit to China, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said today.

Kissinger said in response to a question that although the U.S. government did not initiate Nixon's trip, it favored "any act that stresses the significance either side attaches to the relationship" between the two countries.

"We will of course wish to learn about the nature of his discussions and about his impressions," Kissinger said. The remark is an about-face from an earlier State Department statement that Nixon probably would not be asked about his visit.