

CBS Radio (10 a.m.)

In an offhanded manner, the White House let it be known that [former President Nixon] will inform the Ford administration about his eight-day China trip. Almost at the end of today's regular news briefing press secretary Ron Nessen was asked about any plans to debrief Mr. Nixon.

Responding carefully, Nessen said, "Mr. Nixon has not called the President or any senior staff member at the White House, but he did indicate that he will send a written report to the State Department." That triggered a barrage of reporters' questions and finally Nessen said - quote - "A functionary in the White House* got the word by telephone either this morning or late yesterday." Nessen refused to name the functionary, saying it's a routine staffing matter. And the press secretary added, "If people at the State Department feel there's anything in the report that needs to be called to the President's attention, I'm sure they'll do it."

Bernard Shaw, CBS News, at the White House.

KGO, San Francisco (11 a.m.)

First Lady Betty Ford will spend a week in California campaigning for the President. Another woman in the political world, former President Richard Nixon's daughter, Mrs. Julie Eisenhower, has signed up to be the guest speaker at a \$100-a-plate G.O.P. fund-raiser in San Diego.

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