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Nixon Has Iranian Invitation

Richard M. Nixon has a standing invitation to visit Iran, but has not indicated when he will, Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi said this week.

"The door is open," Zahedi said, responding to published reports that he invited the former President to visit Iran later this year.

"After President Nixon resigned, I told him that whenever he wanted to go to Iran as a private citizen he is welcome," Zahedi said. "He said, 'Oh, thank you' but he was not yet told me when he wants to go."

Zahedi said that his friendship with Nixon goes back 22 years when the latter was Vice President and visited Iran and that he has visited him in San Clemente "three or four times" since 1974.