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White House Lauds Nixon China Report

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President Ford found a report by former President Nixon on his recent trip to China "very interesting and useful," the White House said yesterday.

The 60-page report has been returned to Nixon's San Clemente home at his request with only four men in the government having read it and without any copies having been made, presidential press secretary Ron Nessen said.

He told reporters that he did not know why Nixon wanted the report back. Nessen blamed White House failure to acknowledge receiving the report earlier on the National Security Council's refusal to inform him that it had arrived.

The report was read by the President, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, National Security Council Director Brent Scowcroft and Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush.

"I think it would be fair to say the report didn't contain any new startling information," Nessen said.