

A Report of Nixon Role In Libel Suit

Los Angeles

Richard Nixon is said to have offered his help to a Chinese woman in her \$5 million libel suit against the National Enquirer, a newspaper that reported she was linked romantically with the former president.

The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner said yesterday that Mr. Nixon told lawyers this week at his San Clemente estate he would cooperate with Marianna Liu in pressing the libel suit, that he would go to court if necessary or give a deposition.

The Enquirer published reports that Mr. Nixon had helped Mrs. Liu come to America from Hong Kong and that he had been advised by the FBI that she was being investigated as a Communist spy.

Mr. Nixon and Liu have denied any kind of relationships said Robert Steinberg, Liu's lawyer.

According to Steinberg, Mr. Nixon said his only contact with Liu was on two trips to Hong Kong with his friend Bebe Rebozo in 1966 and 1967 when the two men frequented a hotel where she worked as a hostess. Mr. Nixon was a private citizen at that time.

Steinberg said Mr. Nixon denied he had ever been alone with Liu, danced with her, or helped her immigrate to the United States.

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