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Nixon Will Support WXPPost Woman's Libel Suit

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 17 (AP)—Richard M. Nixon says he will help a Chinese woman in her \$5 million libel suit against the National Enquirer, a newspaper which reported she was linked romantically with the former President, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner said today.

The Herald-Examiner said Nixon told lawyers he would cooperate with Marianna Liu in pressing the libel suit.

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

Nixon and Liu have denied any kind of relationship, said Robert Steinberg, her lawyer.

Steinberg met this week with the former President at the Coast Guard station at Casa Pacifica, Nixon's San Clemente estate, according to the Herald-Examiner, which quoted Steinberg as saying Nixon was "obviously irate because of the personal nature of the attack and how it involves his family."

Nixon said his only contact with Liu occurred during 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, Steinberg reported. Nixon was a private citizen at that time.

Steinberg added that Nixon said he may have sent Liu flowers when a hotel executive told him she was hospitalized for surgery, and she may have been included in one or two small dinner parties.

But, Steinberg said, Nixon denied he had ever been alone with Liu, danced with her, or helped her emigrate.

Steinberg quoted Nixon as saying he believed that Liu should "pursue the matter with vigor," the Herald-Examiner reported.