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Nixon Said to Be Helping Woman in Libel Suit

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

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The Herald-Examiner said Mr. Nixon had told lawyers he would cooperate with Marianna Liu in pressing the libel suit. The Enquirer published reports that the former President had been romantically involved with Mrs. Liu, that he had helped her come to America from Hong Kong and that he had been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the woman was being investigated as a Communist spy.

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

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

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