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Nixons Vote by Absentee Ballot

Sent to Their Home in California
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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Nov. 2 (Reuters)—Former President Richard M. Nixon and his ailing wife, Pat, voted by absentee ballot in the Presidential elections here today.

Mr. Nixon, who put Gerald R. Ford in the White House when he stepped down in 1974 under pressure of the Watergate scandal, sent for the voting papers at his local polling station in a school just north of his Pacific Ocean villa.

Aides of Mr. Nixon at the former Western White House said the Nixons had voted by absentee ballot. Mrs. Pauline Waterman, a polling official at the school, confirmed: "We have a slip showing that Mr. and Mrs. Nixon sent for their absentee ballots."

Mrs. Nixon had a stroke in July and Mr. Nixon has stated home while she was recuperating.