

# Watergate Reunion



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IN THE comic strip "Doonesbury," the old Nixon hands got together to relive the wondrous days of Watergate. Sometime in the fall, believe it or not, it will happen in real life.

By solemn count, 132 erstwhile Nixon aides have formed a club, which they call the "February Group." They took the name from the month in 1975 when the founders — Nixon loyalists who had escaped the slammer or were out on bail — established a loose association.

A poll of the membership indicated that 72 were interested in chartering a plane for a pilgrimage to visit the Recluse of San Clemente. It almost became a patriotic pilgrimage next Fourth of July, except that too many of them had already scheduled family vacations that week.

Instead, they decided to select a convenient week after Labor Day. Then they will fly to San Clemente for a few days of reminiscing with Richard Nixon about the good old days.

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THE IDEA for the reunion with Nixon grew out of a conversation between ex-White House aide W. Dewey Glower and the former president himself. Nixon was so pleased to learn about the February Group that he invited them to San Clemente.

But he cautioned solicitously: "I

hope you won't tie the group too closely to me. I wouldn't want it to hurt you."

In a dispatch to his former Nixon teammates, Glower wrote in the familiar, old style: "With a Democratic Administration and a Democratic Congress here, my son suggested that signs be placed at all entrances into Washington, D.C., stating:

"Warning, the thinking people of the United States have determined that the actions of a Democratic Congress with the Rubber Stamp of a Democratic Administration may be hazardous to your health."

The February Group, which meets quarterly, has several minor Watergate figures on its rolls. But the only major Watergate personality who has appeared at the meetings is hatchetman-turned-evangelist Charles "Chuck" Colson. John Dean, who blew the whistle on Watergate, has not asked to join.

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WATCH ON WASTE — Citizens besiege their congressmen with complaints about Social Security, which is ensnared in bureaucratic red tape. So the Social Security Administration sends about 6000 mailgrams a month to congressmen, assuring them routinely that it is looking into the constituents' cases. But at \$1.13 apiece, these meaningless interim replies cost the taxpayers about \$72,000 a year.