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**Susan Ford: A vote
for private life**

By **TOBI NYBERG**

LOS ANGELES — If Gerald Ford is defeated in his campaign for the presidency, it may not upset his daughter, Susan, as much as might be imagined.

"We'd get our father back, and that would be just great," said the President's 19-year-old daughter. "The only thing is I'd be afraid for the country with Jimmy Carter as president."

Whether her father wins

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ment about Eastern Europe not being dominated by the Soviet Union, a subject she was quick to sidestep.

"I think the debates have helped my father 100 percent," she said, sitting in a blue dressing gown, wearing no makeup and having coffee and a cigaret.

What about the President's apparent faux pas on Eastern Europe during the second debate?

"What's that all about?" she said. "I don't know anything about that. I haven't seen a newspaper in a week. Father was 100 percent better on the second debate. On the first debate, you could tell both men were feeling themselves out. But by the second, Daddy was more straightforward, more comfortable."

She said she was in Springfield, Ill., "doing precinct work" with her brother Jack when she heard Butz's resignation as Secretary of Agriculture.

"I talked to Mother that night and we were both upset about it. His



cleaned up, but it made Mother sentimental. She misses the normal life, being able to do her own cooking and all that. But she realizes she can't be that selfish."

Last month, Susan moved into her own apartment, which she shares with three schoolmates, so she could have more of a normal life.

"I want to be just like everyone else," she said. "I want to be just like every other college girl, and living on your own is what other girls my age are doing today."

Most girls, however, are not accompanied by Secret Service agents wherever they go, but Susan said she's used to it by now. "They're a super group and they really don't interfere with anything," she said.

She declined to discuss boyfriends, but chuckled delightedly about the freedom she has living on her own.

"I can take off my contacts, put on glasses and blue jeans and go anywhere and not be recognized," she said. "I have more fun going into places and having a good time as ME, not as the President's daughter. Poor