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Folks, at 6:35, the President placed a phone call to Mrs. Nixon, who was at a private residence in Rolling Hills, California.

The President said, "How is the President?" And Mrs. Nixon described his condition and she used the word "feisty" to describe his mood.

The President said, "I don't want to push, but would it help if I came down there?" Mrs. Nixon replied, "I cannot think of anything that would do him more good."

The President then explained that he had a busy schedule here, he did have some time in the morning and that he would get together with his schedulers and see if he could do it. At the end of the conversation the President said, "Give him my very best and say hello to the girls for me."

The conversation lasted about two minutes.

At about the same time, Dr. Lungren phoned Dr. Lukash, who is here in the hotel, and discussed the former President's condition. The decision on whether to go to the hospital and visit the former President will be made in the morning depending on Dr. Lungren opinion of whether it would be helpful to the former President.

Q Did you say "feisty"?

MR. NESSEN: Feisty. Dr. Lungren has used that same word in his conversation with Dr. Lukash. They both used the word "feisty" to describe his mood.

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