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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT
TO FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON

LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

I spent approximately eight minutes with the President. Obviously he is a very, very sick man, but I think he is coming along very, very well.

He was very interested in discussions that I had with him concerning my prospective trip to Japan and to South Korea and to the Soviet Union. I gave him a quick rundown on Dr. Kissinger's trip to the Soviet Union, to India, to Pakistan, and the last message I had was Afghanistan, as he continues this trip.

The President was very alert. He was very interested, but it was very obvious to me that he had been very, very ill, but he showed a great deal of strength mentally, and I think physically, in meeting this very serious challenge.

I told him that I had talked this morning to my wife before I came here and indicated to him that she has asked me, as I told him, that all of our family were praying for his full and complete recovery.

Thank you very much.

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