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Ford Had Sought Will Of God, Minister Says

By ERIC L. ZOECKLER
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

As he weighed his decision to grant former President Richard M. Nixon a pardon, President Gerald R. Ford may have rejected the guidance of all his top advisers, except one—God.

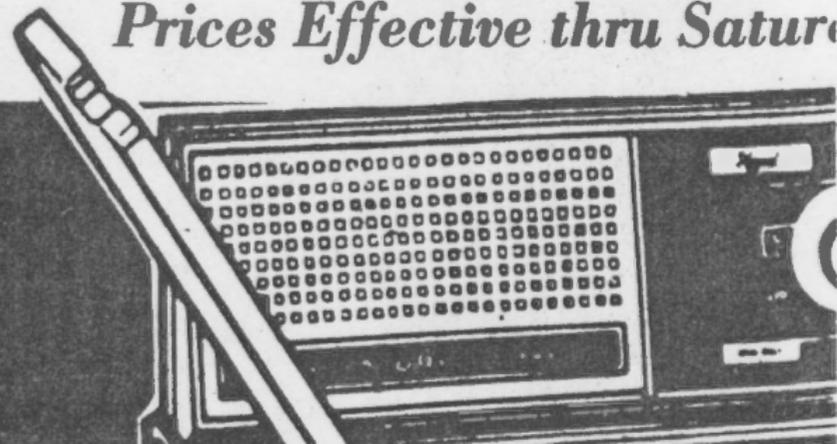


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB HARTMANN

FROM:

JACK HUSHEN *Just*

SUBJECT:

Reverend Billy Zeoli

You should be aware that the Chicago Tribune plans to do a story on the Reverend Billy Zeoli, who apparently is describing himself to the paper's religious writer as the President's spiritual adviser who prays with the President in the Oval Office.

I confirmed for the Tribune's Washington Bureau that the President and Reverend Zeoli are acquainted, but I said I didn't know if he was President Ford's ~~spiritual adviser~~ or if they prayed together.

*A very good friend of the family.
I do, when he visits, pray with him.*

