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QUESTION: You were with Mr. Nixon during many of the last days he had in the White House. Was he, to your personal knowledge, ever in danger of hurting himself or the nation because of an irrational attitude, irrational moments, that you personally can say that you saw?

THE PRESEDENT: Jerry, I saw former President Nixon a few times prior to the day that I became President and, of course, I saw him one of the last moments before I became President. I never saw any instance where he was in danger of his own life, nor did I see --

QUESTION: Desperate, in other words?

THE PRESIDENT: Right. Nor did I see any incident or any attitude where I thought he might do something that would endanger the country. Those are personal observations, and I can only comment in that regard.

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