

'I Have Complete Faith'

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As newsmen were clustered around color television sets in the White House press room watching the Senate Watergate hearings yesterday, First Lady Pat Nixon was telling another group in the Blue Room that "I have complete faith that everything's going to be all right."

Earlier in the day, a White House spokesman was asked if Mrs. Nixon was watching television as Sen. Sam Ervin's (D-N.C.) select committee questioned former Nixon campaign officials. "She probably is spending the

day watching and reading," the spokesman said.

She emerged twice during the day from the second-floor family quarters to host receptions, (one for the Arthritis Foundation and the other for wives of the President's Executive Interchange program. There, reporters asked if she felt the President's staff had let him down with their alleged involvement in clandestine activity.

"I'm not going to say they let him down until they find out whether they did or not," Mrs. Nixon said. "You know, really and truly there hasn't been anything that happened for sure, yet.

"I'll have faith until I'm proven wrong."

Mr. Nixon, she said, was bearing up. "He has a great deal of work. He has to bear up and get his work done." Her Watergate mail is "overwhelming," and favorable the First Lady said.

On Mother's Day, when the first family went to Camp David, "Rose Mary Woods (the President's personal secretary) stuffed a couple of briefcases full of letters," Mrs. Nixon recalled.

"We all sat around in a circle and passed them around. They were so moving and so beautiful..."