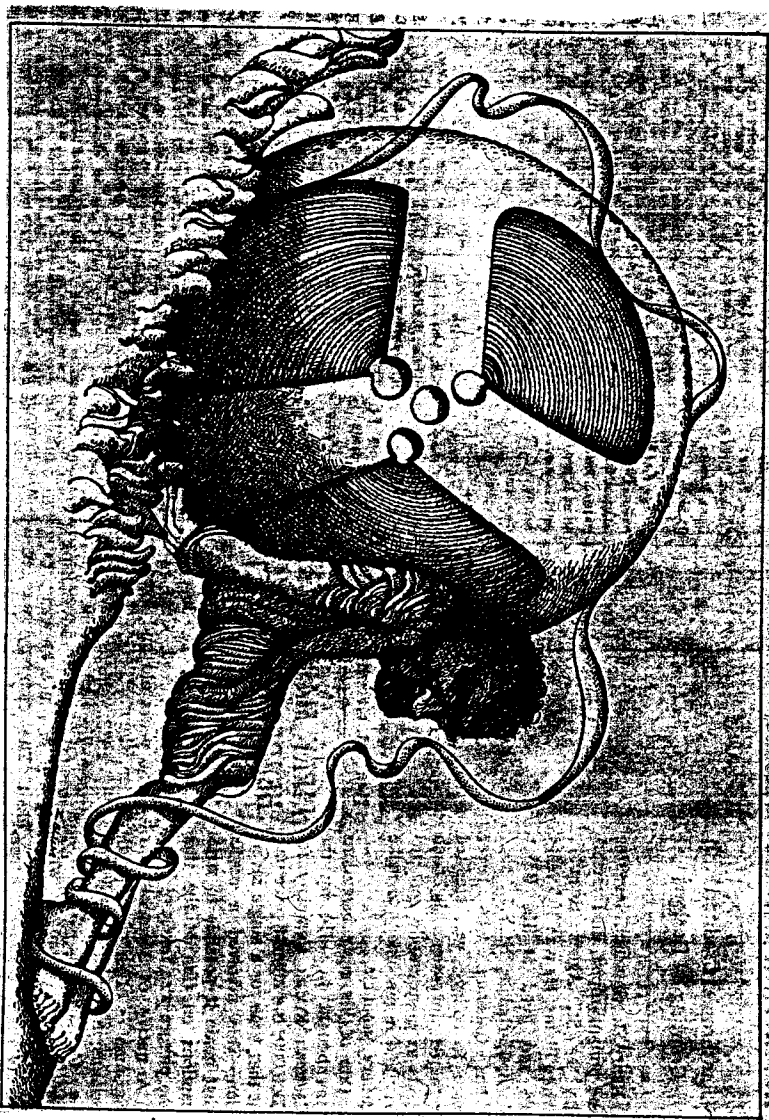


Inducing Mr. Nixon to End His Seventh Crisis



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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — President Nixon this last year has weathered crises that would have put most of us in a mental hospital. And he shows every sign, emotionally of being able to endure almost anything else the future may bring.

What accounts for his extraordinary durability?

I suspect there is something Mr. Nixon finds uniquely bearable about his situation, something even comforting. Painful as his position is, it confirms what he believes to be true—about himself, about others, and about life.

Mr. Nixon's posture, that of a lonely, misunderstood person, battling to be vindicated, is wholly familiar to him. He has been there many times before.

"Six Crises," his book about his presidential career, and nearly all the events he described contain elements of his present situation.

There was his struggle in the late 1940's to brand Alger Hiss, a traitor, a struggle in which Mr. Nixon felt he had the whole weight of the so-called

