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The controversy over the General Accounting Office's scandal continues, but President Nixon announced today he would not appoint a special investigator to look into the case. Don Folsom has that report.

Folsom [voice]: The President said the naming of a special prosecutor to investigate the possible mishandling of GOP campaign funds as well as the Watergate case would serve no useful purpose. Mr. Nixon said only technical violations had occurred in the fund controversy and he claimed that Democrats were also guilty of such violations. The President defended his chief fund-raiser, Maurice Stans, as honest and very meticulous and said the former Commerce Secretary will move quickly to correct the mistakes.

As to the Watergate caper, which he described as "bizarre," Mr. Nixon asserted no one on the White House staff, and no one presently employed in the administration, was involved.

Don Folsom, at the western White House.