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Nixon Is Called

Deeply Religious

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Mar. 18 (UPI)—Evangelist Billy Graham said former President Nixon has become deeply religious since he resigned from office last summer, the Albuquerque Tribune said today.

The evangelist, in an interview with Tribune editor Ralph Looney, said he visited Nixon for 2½ hours at San Clemente March 9. "Most of our conversation was on religion," Graham said, adding that they did not talk directly about Watergate. "I think he has some regret that he'd let his friends down. He showed me a large book he'd been reading from his grandmother's library. It was a life of Christ and a very good one. We talked a lot about the Bible."

The evangelist said he and Nixon prayed for some time in the former President's small study following a candlelight dinner with the Nixons.