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Obstruction of Justice

"The President has decided not to comply with our outstanding requests for recordings for the grand jury investigations of the Watergate break-in and cover-up and certain dairy industry contributions, asserting that to do so would be inconsistent with the public interest and the constitutional integrity of the office of the Presidency. . . . The President has refused to reconsider this earlier decision to terminate his cooperation with this investigation."

Leon Jaworski, Special

Watergate Prosecutor, Feb. 14, 1974

"Whoever willfully endeavors by means of . . . misrepresentation [or] intimidation . . . to obstruct, delay or prevent the communication of information relating to a violation of any criminal statute of the United States by any person to a criminal investigator . . . shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Title 18, United States Code,
Sect. 1510

"A criminal offense on the part of the President is the requirement for impeachment."

President Nixon, Feb. 25, 1974