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Robert H. Abplanalp, the industrialist and close friend of former President Nixon said in a Chicago speech this week that the press has treated him unfairly.

Abplanalp, whose precision valve company makes most of the nation's aerosol valves, defended the former President, saying, "It has been insistently rumored in the press that in the past, and perhaps even now, I have had some influence in the White House.

"I'll tell you that the most rigorously observed basic of my friendship with President Nixon was that he didn't dabble in my business and I didn't meddle in his."

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