

Agnew Would Quit If . . .

Washington

Vice President Spiro Agnew has told members of the Harvard Republican Club here that he would quit his post before he would criticize President Nixon about the Watergate bugging case.

At a private session with the visiting Harvard students Wednesday, Agnew was asked a hypothetical question—what he would do if the President was shown to have had prior knowledge of the Watergate bugging?

“If I found myself unable to continue on a basis of conscience, I wouldn’t stay here as Vice President and use this as a pulpit to criticize the President,” he said. “I would have to resign.”

But Agnew added: “I still have confidence that the President has not been involved in a way that would shock my conscience.”

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