

# Leadership In Danger, Romney Says

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President Nixon "is likely to lose his capacity for leadership" unless he aggressively "proceeds to the truth" of the Watergate bugging and other scandals facing the administration, George Romney said yesterday.

Romney, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Nixon administration, made his comment during a question and answer session at an assembly at Landon School in Bethesda.

"I said last summer that Watergate was, number one, stupid, and number two, reprehensible," Romney said.

"The President has indicated he will proceed to the truth. I think that the President has to be aggressive in doing so. Unless he is, he is likely to lose his capacity for leadership. It's just that simple."