Ehrlichman Calls Inquiry 'Destructive'

By DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND Special to The New York Times

D. Ehrlichman charged today that the work of the Senate hearings are resumed. Watergate committee was "destructive."

he said, "I think it's important conference, which Mr. Ehrlichman acknowledged he had set up to "get it over with all at even though the inquiry may fied." violate "the rights of individu-

mittee and have to read their marked much of his testimony mattee and have to read their matter of the cost of the relaxed at one point why ne mail," said the relaxed and in Washington, Mr. Ehrlich-had returned to Seattle, Mr. tanned Mr. Ehrlichman, who man took a sharp dig at the Ehrlichman, a lawyer, smiled spent five days testifying becommittee on the delay in Mr. fore the committee recessed its Colson's appearance. hearings until next month.

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nationally televised investiga- stration had too much initia- he said: tion and against some of the live after Bob [H. R. Haldeseven Senators on the commitation, the President's former off, which I'm not knocking." ee was "terrible."

30, drove across the country with his family ater his committee appearance. He made his comments today at a news conference at a sprawling yellow 3d, the former acting director as sprawling yellow 3d, the former acting director. They carried signs such as of the Federal Rureau of Invest. frame house on the shore of Lake Washington in nearly Hunts Point. The family is now nor directly to the President stellation as a sprawling yellow of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Who really wallowed in Water-tigation, had all testified they gate"? One of their leaders, had received no orders to report directly to the President stellation and a telephone in-

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hearings, which ended last Tues to those responsible for the in-Mr. Ehrlichman aware of the day, Mr. Ehrlichman said he vestigation. felt that all the evidence was

son, a former White House pollany new findings in the case itical adviser, would not be directly to the President. He SEATTLE, Aug. 13 — John called as a witness until the said he had "assumed" tha

been a participant in many Mr. Gray and Mr. Petersen. The President's former dom-meetings about which there estic adviser said that the com- were conflicts in testimony,

today was in sharp contrast how the Watergate affair had "I'd hate to be on the com- to the combativeness that affected his career.

earings until next month. He said the committee had "Look about you, man," he If his own mail is any in-voted on "partisan" lines in replied. "I can't think of any dication, Mr. Ehrlichman said, an executive session to post-place I'd rather be."

the backlash against the "sort pone Mr. Colson's testimony. Again, questioned He said he interpreted this ac- the Watergate investigation of circus atmosphere" of the tion to mean that "the Admin-

Mr. Ehrlichman, who resigned om the Administration Asked how he thought the Administration had fared in the first phase of the Watergate and had given such instructions which ended last These to these representations which ended last These to these representations are the same and had given such instructions to do," he explained, "is make to these representations and had given such instructions to do," he explained, "is make to these representations and had given such instructions to do," he explained, "is make the same representation and the same rep

He noted that Charles W. Col and told him he was to report ready.

the Attorney General hac Recalling that Mr. Colson h passed on those instructions to

'Not Knocking' Leisure

Much of the 45-minute news up to "get it over with all at once," dealt with his personal Although his easy manner plans and his feelings about

> Asked at one point why he surrounding trees and the lake.

Again, questioned about what "has done to John Ehrlichman,"

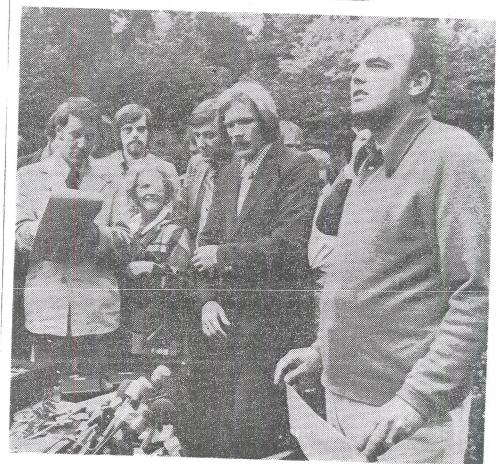
"It's given me a little time While he said he had been Mr. Ehrlichman, who resigned Mr. Ehrlichman was asked from the Administration April Why he thought Richard G. Seattle, a dozen pickets along

They carried signs such as Hunts Point. The family is now leasing the house, which they once oned.

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The family is now port directly to the President stallation man, said they repreven though Mr. Nixon had sented a loosely organized in a nationally televised group of "concerned citizens"

> fact that he's not really wel-Mr. Ehrlichman said he called come back in Seattle. We have Mr. Kleindienst on March 28 enough corrupt politicians al-



John D. Ehrlichman, right, at his news conference at his home in Hunts Point, near Seattle, to which the former assistant to President Nixon has returned.