

'Some Things Were Wrong'—Haldeman

LOS ANGELES, March 4 (UPI)—Former top White House aide H.R. (Bob) Haldeman today declared himself innocent in the Watergate scandals, but he added that it was "obvious some things were wrong."

Haldeman told a news conference at his home: "I've done nothing illegal or improper."

Later he added, "I have done nothing wrong, but I will not comment on whether I think others have done something wrong."

"It's obvious some things were wrong. Now it's a 'question of what wrongs were done and who did them.'"

"I am absolutely certain the trial 'will show I am innocent,' he said. "I'm not happy to be indicted, but I have every confidence in the American Judicial system."

Haldeman and six other former White House and Nixon

campaign officials were indicted Friday "former top presidential aides John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell, Charles W. Colson, Robert C. Mardian and Gordon Strachan, and Kenneth W. Parkinson, attorney for the Committee for the Re-Election of the President."

Haldeman refused to comment on any details of his indictment, saying, "Judge [John J.] Sirica issued instructions that we cannot comment on the case and I will abide by Judge Sirica's instructions."

Asked if he would make any bargains to better his positions in the forthcoming trial, he said, "No. I'm innocent."

He said he had spoken to President Nixon since the indictment, presumably during the weekend, but refused to say what he and the President discussed.



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As former White House aide H. R. (Bob) Haldeman holds a press conference at his Los Angeles home, his wife, Jo, films the scene from an upstairs window.