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Jaworski Book Tells Of Nixon's Pleading

HOUSTON, Aug. 24 (UPI)—A weeping Richard Nixon pleaded with a powerful Democratic senator to save him from criminal prosecution in the Watergate case, according to former Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski in his book, "The Right and The Power."

At the time, Nixon had resigned the presidency and had flown to San Clemente, and a national debate had begun on whether he should be prosecuted for his part in Watergate.

When the debate heated, Jaworski received a phone call from Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), asking the special prosecutor to visit Eastland and Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.).

Eastland said he had just talked with Nixon, that the former President had called from his San Clemente residence.

"He was crying," Eastland said. "He said, 'Jim, don't let Jaworski put me in that trial with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. I can't take any more.'" Eastland shook his head. "He's in bad shape, Leon."

While Jaworski and his Special Prosecution Force were studying courses of action which could be taken, President Ford pardoned Nixon for any and all crimes he may have committed while President.