

Eisenhower Denies Julie Had Role in Ford Pardon

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David Eisenhower denied yesterday that his wife, Julie, had anything to do with winning a pardon for her father, former President Nixon.

"There's nothing at all to it," Eisenhower said of a column by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak which appeared in Wednesday's Washington Post. Evans and Novak quoted an anonymous aide to President Ford who suggested that

Julie Nixon Eisenhower had pleaded personally for a pardon, citing her father's health.

"It's completely ridiculous," the Nixon son-in-law said. He also denied that he was the unnamed family member quoted in an Associated Press story yesterday who described Mr. Nixon as "deeply depressed," despite the pardon granted last Sunday.