

Goldwater on Watergate

Excerpts from an interview by CBS newsman Dan Rather with Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) on CBS Special Report, June 17.

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Q: Senator, You've known Richard Nixon for a long while . . . In his moments of victory and moments of defeat. How much, if any, of what has happened can be traced to his quality as a loner? . . .

A: I think probably most of the trouble he had is the fact that he's never been able to be one of the boys. Now, I've seen him on occasion sort of let his hair down and there's no more delightful man in the world, no more communicative a man than Richard Nixon is when you catch him in those few, rare moments when he isn't measuring every single word he says or every gesture he makes. His biggest weakness has been the fact that he's lived his life by himself. He's never let his hair down to friends. He's never asked enough friends what he's done wrong or what he's done good. So I'd have to say that's his problem . . .

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