

'Naked Nixon' Story Denied

Lompoc,
Santa Barbara county

H. R. Haldeman, once the right hand man to former President Richard Nixon and now serving a federal prison term, yesterday flatly denied a report that Nixon once sat naked in the White House oval office and asked Haldeman: "What's on the agenda?"

New York Daily News columnist Liz Smith reported in an article Tuesday that the incident would be recounted in Haldeman's forthcoming book to show that Nixon was "flaky" and falling apart in the final days of Watergate.

Haldeman placed a phone call yesterday from the Lompoc Federal Correctional Institution to United Press International in Los Angeles and read a statement denying the story.

"My forthcoming book, 'The Ends of Power,' will as usual tell all — and with glow-ups on the

"But I deplore and reject the kind of bathroom journalism that produces totally false stories such as the recent one by columnist Liz Smith claiming to report an incident in my book.

"Her story is totally untrue — there will be no such episode in my book, because no such event ever took place. I will tell all — but only what happened."

Haldeman, 50, is serving a term of 2½ to 8 years after his conviction of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury in the Watergate investigation. He will be eligible for parole after 2½ years.

Haldeman declined to discuss the Nixon story further, except to say that while he had made it a rule to accept no inquiries from the news media during his imprisonment, he felt it was his duty to set the record straight.

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