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'Ephemeral,' Says Cap

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The Watergate affair will be overshadowed by the good work of the Nixon Administration, Caspar Weinberger, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare says.

Weinberger said yesterday the Watergate scandal was an "ephemeral" thing.

"The dictionary says 'ephemeral' means something that is temporary and of passing significance, and that's exactly what I think the Watergate thing is," he said.

"I think the President has been badly imposed upon, and it's unfortunate that too much time must be diverted to investigating and answering all these charges," he said.