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GOP Group Asks Special Prosecutor

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The Ripon Society, in a statement critical of presidential handling of the Watergate Affair, yesterday urged President Nixon to appoint a special prosecutor to the case who would have access to all files relating to the incident.

"The Nixon administration's philosophy toward Watergate has betrayed the trust of those Americans who supported the President relying upon his original assurance that there was no White House complicity," the society's national governing board said.

The society, a progressive Republican research and policy organization which endorsed Mr. Nixon in the 1968 and 1972 elections, also called upon the President to "acknowledge the constructive and proper role that the news media has played" in revealing the Watergate case.

The Ripon Society also called upon Mr. Nixon to dissolve the Committee for the Re-Election of The President, to cooperate fully with the special prosecutor and to order the prompt prosecution of violators of the campaign spending laws.

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