

A Republican Governor's View On Watergate

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The chairman of the nation's Republican governors, Lynwood Holton of Virginia, said yesterday that "Watergate will have served this republic very well indeed" if it leads to greater awareness of the need for high ethical standards in politics.

His comments to the opening business session of the GOP governors' semiannual conference came a few hours after the governors decided against issuing a formal statement expressing their unanimous belief that full disclosure of all Watergate facts is essential.

Holton and several other governors told newsmen that there was general agreement that it would be better for each governor to make his own comment on the Watergate case.

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