

Shriver Has Suggestion For Nixon

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President Nixon should consider "any decent alternative that can repair the damage" of the Watergate scandal, including resigning, Sargent Shriver said yesterday.

"His resignation might be the greatest single contribution he could make to this country's well-being," Shriver said in remarks at the Yale Political Union.

Shriver, who ran with Sen. George McGovern on the defeated Democratic presidential ticket last November, said:

"The higher patriotism asks more of us than that we rally to the support of a discredited that we restore the credibility of our leadership even if that means a change of leaders."

Earlier yesterday, one of former President Johnson's top White House aides broadly suggested that Mr. Nixon should resign "in favor of the country."

Joseph A. Califano, a Washington attorney who served for a time as chief domestic adviser to Mr. Johnson and later was the No. 1 lawyer for the Democratic National Committee, said Mr. Nixon should ask himself if he still can govern effectively in view of the Watergate scandal.

Califano's remarks came in a speech to the Washington chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, whose members include government workers.

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