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Ellsberg Says Government

Has Never Worked Better

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—Dr. Daniel Ellsberg said Sunday that he felt "our Government . . . has never functioned better" than now, as Watergate-scandal investigations proceed.

Charges of theft and espionage against Dr. Ellsberg were dismissed earlier this month when United States District Court Judge William Matthew Byrne Jr. declared that Government misconduct had thwarted justice.

The charges stemmed from the copying of the Pentagon papers that Dr. Ellsberg helped prepare.

Dr. Ellsberg, appearing on the National Broadcasting Company program "Meet the Press," said he never lost faith in the institutions of the Government throughout the two-year prosecution.