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**Nixon 'Never  
Serious' on  
Resigning**

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**A 'Relaxed'  
Birthday  
For Julie**

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The White House said yesterday that President Nixon had never given "serious consideration" to resigning as a result of the Watergate scandal.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said that while family discussions were held on the subject to consider the pros and cons, it was never a serious alternative in the President's mind.

The President's daughter, Julie Nixon Eisenhower, said in an interview earlier this week that Mr. Nixon brought up the subject last May 4 during a family weekend at Camp David, Md.

The family discussion came shortly after Mr. Nixon's April 30 announcement that two of his most trusted aides — H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman — were resigning and White House counsel John W. Dean III had been fired because of the Watergate affair.

Mrs. Eisenhower characterized this period as the lowest point for the President in the entire Watergate ordeal.

"We said no. We didn't think he should because resigning would be an admission of wrongdoing and we also felt he was the man for the job and he had started things and needed to finish them," she said.

"I think it was more than just a rhetorical question. I think he really thought 'will this end everything?'"

Warren said, "I was not at the family meeting and I would state nothing from here that would dispute what Mrs. Eisenhower said. There may have been discussion within the family

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower celebrated her 25th birthday at a family dinner party here with her father playing host.

There was one candle on her birthday cake.

President Nixon had given Julie a choice of going out on the town or celebrating at home with family and a few friends. She thought it would be "more fun . . . more relaxing" to stay home.

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but that does not in my view indicate serious consideration of resigning."

Meantime, Mr. Nixon met for 45 minutes with Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans, the newly elected chairman of the National Governors Conference.

Details of their session was not disclosed but the President was reported anxious to calm dissatisfaction expressed by some governors at their meeting at Lake Tahoe last month with relations between them and the White House. He also wanted to hear from a politician a first-hand report on Watergate effects on his presidency.

Mr. Nixon will begin winding up a two-week working vacation at his California estate with a meeting today with Chinese envoy Huang Chen. Mr. Nixon will return to Washington Monday with a stop in Kansas City to preside over the swearing in of FBI director Clarence M. Kelley.

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