

Nixon Is Urged to Face Ervin Probers

Washington

Former Nixon campaign manager Clark MacGregor testified yesterday he was used and deceived in the Watergate affair and said the President should submit to questioning by the Senate Watergate committee's two ranking members.

In a separate statement, Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) said an appearance by Mr. Nixon before the full Watergate committee may offer the President the only way out of problems of credibility that now besiege him.

A third formula was offered by Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (Rep-Conn.), who suggested the President be asked to invite the entire panel to the White House and submit to complete questioning.

Weicker said that the committee will vote on his proposal at its next executive session and that most Watergate committee members have greeted the idea enthusiastically.

OATH

Weicker said no oath should be required of the President, but insisted that a transcript of the proposed session be made public.

Testifying before the committee, MacGregor, a former Minnesota congressman and White House aide, said he believes Mr. Nixon might be willing to submit to questions put informally



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CLARK MacGREGOR
Ex-campaign manager

by Watergate committee chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.) and vice chairman Howard H. Baker Jr. (Rep-Tenn.).

MacGregor told reporters he had not checked his idea with Mr. Nixon before offering it to the committee.

In a statement issued from his Senate office Goldwater said:

"In my opinion the credibility of the President has reached an all-time low from which he may not be

able to recover. I repeat the suggestion I made to my President a long time ago, that he go up to Capitol Hill and appear before the Ervin committee and answer questions. I feel now more than ever that this may offer the only way out."

DISPUT

In his testimony, MacGregor disputed parts of the testimony of two previous witnesses and said of his campaign experiences: "It doesn't make one happy to learn that one has been used."

MacGregor singled out former White House counsel John W. Dean III and Jeb Stuart Magruder, his immediate subordinate at Mr. Nixon's re-election committee, as having used him.

"I think I ought to make it crystal clear that I do not include the President of the United States," MacGregor said.

"His relations with me have been trustworthy..."

MacGregor took charge of Mr. Nixon's re-election committee, replacing former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, two weeks after the June 17, 1972 break-in at Democratic National Headquarters.

He contradicted previous testimony in which Robert Mardian, a lawyer for the Nixon re-election committee, said MacGregor refused to listen when he told him there was serious "exposure" in the Watergate affair by key committee officials.

MacGregor said he was kept ignorant about the Watergate affair and the involvement of some campaign and administration officials in it.

After hearing MacGregor in the morning, the committee recessed its public hearings until Tuesday.

Committee sources said yesterday that former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally and present Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz are to be subpoenaed to testify in connection with campaign contributions from the dairy industry.

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