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**Nixon Meets 15 Senators;
Watergate Doubts Remain**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 13— President Nixon met for more than two hours tonight with a group of 15 Republican Senators, discussing his Watergate problems at considerable length but apparently providing no new details.

Talking to reporters through the window of his car after leaving the meeting, Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Watergate committee, indicated that questions had not been erased from his mind.

"I don't really think we got that far into the factual situation," he said.

Senator Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts reported that he had repeated to Mr. Nixon his view that the President could resign. He described Mr. Nixon's response as "very gracious." The President said, according to Mr. Brooke, that resignation "would be the easy way out, and he was not going to take it."

Mr. Brooke also said that another Senator, whom he did not name, had suggested to Mr. Nixon that he "volunteer to undergo an impeachment inquiry to clear the air," but that the President rejected that idea as well.

Asked whether he thought, after sitting through the hour 20 minute meeting, that the President could ever recover politically, the Massachusetts liberal responded:

"It would take almost a mir-

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acle to do so, but he's done miracles before. Maybe he can do so again."

Senator James L. Buckley, Conservative-Republican of New York, gave the most favorable account of the meeting. Emerging from the southwest gate of the White House with the top down on his blue convertible, he described the session as "extremely useful, extremely constructive, very much a step in the right direction."

But he did not venture to suggest that the meeting had cleared up all the doubts sur-

rounding Mr. Nixon's role in Watergate and allied activities. Instead, the meeting appeared to have been designed more to reopen clogged channels of communication with the members of Mr. Nixon's own party in Congress.

Conference Sought

The White House took the unusual step of having the Senators arrive and leave by the diplomatic entrance, which is inaccessible to reporters. So only a handful of the participants could be interviewed.

The meeting took place in a top-floor White House room with a view of the Washington Monument. Formerly known as the Solarium and used as a schoolroom by Caroline Kenrenamed the California Room by the Nixons.

Despite the continuing series of Presidential meetings, the Senate Watergate committee voted formally today to seek a White House conference with Mr. Nixon from which others would be excluded.

By a 5-to-1 vote, with Sena-

tor Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida, the sole dissenter, the committee approved a resolution stating its belief that "such a procedure must take precedence over other nonpublic opportunities for discussion afforded by the President to individual members of the committee."

The proposal, drawn up by Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr., Republican of Connecticut, would not require the President to testify under oath. But a transcript of the meeting with the entire committee would be made and be released to the public "immediately."

Mr. Gurney said that it would be "to the benefit of the committee to work out other ways to see the President." Mr. Gurney was among those who went to the White House tonight, as was Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican of Tennessee, the committee's vice chairman.

But Mr. Weicker and the committee Democrats said publicly that they would refuse to go to the White House as part of a larger group. The Connecticut lawmaker said, "If we go as individuals, it detracts from our [the committee's] mandate."

There was no immediate response from Presidential spokesmen, but Melvin R. Laird told a group of reporters at lunch that the possibility was very much alive. No decision

on a meeting with the committee is likely, the Presidential counselor said, until the issue of the Presidential tape recordings has been resolved in the courts.

Tonight's gathering at the White House was the third. There will be at least six by the end of the week, the White House said, in Mr. Nixon's latest campaign to restore confidence in himself and his Administration.

Gerald L. Warren, the deputy Presidential press secretary, said this morning that the first two meetings had gone very well, producing an over-all positive reaction and an appreciation for "the President's candor."

But Representative John B. Anderson of Illinois, one of the Republican leaders who saw Mr. Nixon yesterday, said that that meeting had included no questions and answers. "It wasn't very good," he said. "It was about a 40-minute monologue."

The six Southern Democrats and an independent who met with the President last night were more favorable, but their descriptions of the meeting hardly sounded like a no-holds-barred discussion of Watergate problems.

Senator James B. Allen, an Alabama Democrat, said that the meeting was "a friendly but session" with "people that support his philosophy." Among the principal topics, he said, were the Middle East and energy.

Only at the end of the meeting, and then only for 10 or 15 minutes, did Mr. Nixon discuss Watergate, Senator Allen said. The President called the Senators' attention to a statement that he had issued earlier in the day.

Senator Gives Impression

"He pointed out that he was going to more or less set the record straight and gave the impression he was going to release any documents he had," Senator Allen reported.

In another development, Republican Congressional sources asserted that Mr. Nixon was totally confident that the tape recording of his March 21 conversation with John W. Dean 3d, the ousted White House counsel, would show that he had known nothing about the cover-up until then.

The sources quoted former Gen. Alexander M. Haig, the White House chief of staff, as saying that the tape would show Mr. Nixon exclaiming, "Oh, my God!" when Mr. Dean told him of the cover-up. However, it is not believed that Mr. Haig has personally listened to the tape in question.

Senator John G. Tower, a Texas Republican who saw Mr. Nixon on Friday and again yesterday, said at a news conference "important supportive evidence" still to be disclosed would ultimately "exonerate" Mr. Nixon. Mr. Tower would not discuss the evidence except to say that he based his prediction on "information to which I'm privy."