

When Agnew Might Have Taken Over

Washington

According to White House transcripts, President Nixon was frustrated by the Watergate affair and angry over press reports concerning it, and once said, "I sometimes feel like resigning" and letting Vice President (Spiro) Agnew "be president for a while."

"He'd love it," Mr. Nixon said.

According to transcripts of

taped conversations released by the White House, the remarks were made on April 27, 1973, in Mr. Nixon's Oval Office, with Deputy Attorney General Henry Petersen and White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler present.

Agnew had not yet been implicated publicly in the Maryland graft investigation that led to his own resignation 5½ months later.

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