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Speaks Up on Resignation

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Senator Barry Goldwater; a leader of GOP conservatives, thinks President Nixon would change his mind and consider resigning instead of putting the country through the "televised horror" of impeachment, Newsweek magazine said yesterday.

Goldwater of Arizona, according to Newsweek, would almost have to be part of a delegation of Republicans that would ask Mr. Nixon to resign.

He told Newsweek in an interview that he was not ready to ask the President to step down, that it would depend on what the American people conclude in the next few weeks and tell their congressmen during the Memorial Day recess.

"As of this moment," Goldwater said, "he is not about to resign. But if he begins to see that there is no way out, I think that rather than put the country through two or three months of televised horror, he would seriously consider stepping down."

The reading of the White House transcripts of Watergate conversations, Goldwater said, might prove important.

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