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# Watergate

## Warning

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Earl Warren, the retired Chief Justice of the United States, has warned against rushing to make changes in the structure of U.S. Government because of the Watergate scandals.

"Too many people, in frustration because of the disclosures, have proposed measures to change even the structure of our government," he said in message read at a retirement dinner for the Chancellor of the University of California's Santa Cruz campus.

"Some want to take the Justice Department and the FBI out of the executive branch; others advocate the abolition of the vice presidency merely because one man has disgraced the office.

"Also, because crime is so rampant, they would even change the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"All of these things involve questions of constitutional dimension that should not be considered in unsettled times. I have never known anything bad happening to our nation through adherence to the constitution as it now stands."

Warren urged that people remember the old truism "that we do not tear down good buildings merely because they have been occupied by bad tenants."

"We are only in great national trouble when people violate or circumvent the constitution," he said. "The atmosphere of today will permit neither proper evaluation of any constitutional change nor the consequences of doing so in such unsettled times."

The retirement dinner for Chancellor Dean E. McHenry was held Sunday.