

Nixon Brother Says Watergate Hurts His Health and Finances

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., June 26 (AP)—F. Donald Nixon, brother of President Nixon, says that the Watergate affair and "harassment" by Senate investigators have damaged his health and have left him in financial difficulty.

Breaking a long, self-imposed silence, he said that the Nixon family was standing firm against those who were trying "to bury" the President.

Donald Nixon, 59 years old, made his remarks in an interview with *The Los Angeles Times*, published today.

He spoke critically of leaks of information from Congressional committees and said the leaks had made the reporting of the Watergate scandals "all one-sided."

Mr. Nixon attributed the Watergate break-in to "political amateurism" and said that it might not have occurred but for what he called a "protective wall" set up around the President by top White House aides.

He also said that he had asked the Secret Service to undertake surveillance of his family but was not told when the agency began a wiretap on his telephone.

Letter From President

Mr. Nixon said that the President could not telephone him without creating problems. He disclosed a handwritten letter from the President on White House stationery saying that a call during current investigations "would raise unfounded but inevitable questions and implications."

"I want you to know that I am enormously proud the way all of the Nixon family have stood up with such dignity through a vicious ordeal," the President wrote in the June 8 letter. "You have our respect and our love."

The President's younger brother said that adverse pub-

licity about the Nixon family had affected his work, which involved sales. He said that he was forced to quit a consulting job with a food processing concern last January and had taken early retirement as vice president of a worldwide hotel and restaurant concern.

"Real frankly, for the last full year, I could not be very effective," he said. He said that his income, which was \$140,000 in 1973, was expected to be \$36,000 this year.

He said that his home was heavily mortgaged and he had accrued thousands of dollars of debts, including legal fees, to defend himself.



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F. Donald Nixon talking to reporters at his home in Newport Beach, Calif.