

'No impeachment'

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SAN CLEMENTE — Vice President Gerald R. Ford predicted yesterday that the House of Representatives will "come to the conclusion that the President was not involved in any cover-up" and will vote against impeachment.

Ford came to the Western White House for an hour's meeting with the President on promoting a policy against inflation. But the news conference he held on

the lawn related largely to Watergate matters.

He repeated his judgment that there is a possibility the House Judiciary Committee will vote a resolution of impeachment against the President.

"But," Ford added, "I feel just as strongly, if not more strongly, that the House as a whole will not favor a resolution of impeachment."

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Ford and Nixon at San Clemente

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"there's any question at all," Ford added, "is in the area of the cover-up, and when you look at all the evidence . . . in my judgment there just isn't the evidence to involve the President.

A reporter asked about a March 22, 1973, comment by Nixon in recently released Judiciary Committee tran-

scripts of White House conversations. In the transcripts, Nixon told his aides to "stonewall, plead the Fifth Amendment, cover up if it will save the plan."

Ford replied: "You can extract a sentence or a phrase or a comment and allegedly make a case," but the "preponderance of the evidence favors the President.