

# Tears Before the Nixon Speech

New York

Senate Minority Whip Robert Griffin said yesterday that former President Nixon wept with congressional leaders a half-hour before his resignation speech

Thursday night.

"Well, at the end of the meeting, the President broke down emotionally, then we all broke down, too," the Michigan Republican said on the NBC-TV

"Today" show.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the whole room, and I think that it's an indication of the strength of the character that he can summon

up when, within half an hour, he can pull himself together and go on television and make the kind of speech he made" Griffin said.

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