

*Nixon family
may not have
known facts*

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WASHINGTON — Friends of the Nixon women do not believe that Pat, Julie and Tricia learned the true extent of former President Nixon's involvement in Watergate until three days before he resigned.

They say Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters would not have kept protesting Nixon's innocence had they known the facts he disclosed in releasing tapes of three conversations he held six days after the Watergate break-in.

"My husband hasn't done anything wrong, and I believe him," the former first lady used to say.

Julie, the most vocal public defender of her father, said time and time again "He has done nothing wrong."

Tricia's most recent public statement was: "Innocence is innocence, and my father is innocent."