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SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER
He said it was Mr. Nixon's decision

Goldwater Story Of Resignation

Washington

Richard M. Nixon made up his own mind to resign the presidency, Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz) said yesterday.

Goldwater, speaking to reporters after a half-hour review of possible vice presidential candidates with President Ford, also told reporters in front of the White House that he had not believed Mr. Nixon would step down because "he's too mule-headed."

The Arizona senator said he is convinced that what Mr. Nixon's chief of staff Alexander Haig has said is right — that Mr. Nixon made up his own mind.

Goldwater told reporters: "I think the family represented the biggest obstacle."

Haig has been highly incensed at reports that he helped bring about the resignation through secret negotiations with Mr. Nixon's chief Watergate lawyer James D. St. Clair, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and three senior Republicans in Congress.

Goldwater said he believes Mr. Nixon already had made up his mind by the time he, Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott and House Republican leader John J. Rhodes visited him Wednesday.

"We told the truth," Goldwater said. "It was an impossible case."

"Frankly, I did not think he would do it," Goldwater said. "I know him too well. He's too mule-headed."

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