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A staff draft of a minority report written for the 10 House Judiciary Committee Republicans who voted against impeaching former President Nixon states that he did commit impeachable offenses and that he was not hounded from office.

The document so far is the work only of staff members, but is not expected to be changed substantially by the 10 who voted against impeachment on all three articles, but who subsequently said they would vote to impeach on the charge after Mr. Nixon admitted his involvement. These views, along with the committee's majority report, will be filed in the House next week.

The minority draft, prepared under the supervision of minority counsel Sam Garrison, states:

"Neither gratitude for his having spared the nation additional agony by resigning, nor a well-intentioned but misguided impulse for compassion and forgiveness . . . should be permitted to obscure for his toy this committee's unanimous judgment that Richard Nixon, as President, committed certain acts for which he should have been impeached and removed from office.

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"Likewise, having effectively admitted guilt of one impeachable offense . . . Richard Nixon is not consequently to be presumed guilty of all other offenses with which he was charged by a majority of the committee . . . it remains our view that, for the most part, he was not guilty of those offenses and that history should so record."

The minority draft said Article I, charging Mr. Nixon with obstruction of justice, "may be taken as substantially confessed by Mr. Nixon on August 5 and corroborated by ample other evidence in the record." On Aug. 5, Mr. Nixon released tapes of conversations on June 23, 1972, six days after the Watergate break-in, in which Mr. Nixon approved the cover-up. This was nine months before the date he previously had insisted he was aware of it.

On Article II, which charged Mr. Nixon with mis-

use of agencies to violate rights of citizens, the draft states there is sufficient evidence to believe Mr. Nixon's aides committed unlawful acts "with varying degrees of direct knowledge or involvement of the president personally . . ."

But the staff draft states that these acts—such as attempted use of the Internal Revenue Service to harass political enemies — do not "impress us as being offenses for which . . . any president should be impeached.

Similarly, the minority draft called Article III, charging defiance of committee subpoenas, insufficient grounds for impeachment and a dangerous precedent for the future.

Garrison's draft also, contained this statement:

"We hope, too, that it will not hereafter be said by many that Richard Nixon was 'hounded from office' for that is not true. It was Richard Nixon, not his longtime critics,

who impeded the FBI's investigation of the Watergate affair by wrongfully trying to implicate the CIA. It was Richard Nixon, not seasoned Nixon-baiters, who created and preserved the damning evidence of that transgression and who, knowing that it had been subpoenaed by both this committee and the special prosecutor, concealed its terrible import until he could do so no longer."