

Agnew Hopes to End Role as an Angry Campaigner

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On the subject of the so-called "watergate caper," the Vice President joked, "What is there in the Democratic headquarters that's so vitally important to the Republican party this year?"

Nevertheless, Mr. Agnew said he had been distressed about the affair, but he added that he was confident that "none of the principals in the Committee to Re-elect the President (and) certainly no one at the White House in any decision-making authority has been involved.

"I deplore it," he continued. "It is not what I want to see happen in our country. If there's responsibility to be assigned to lesser echelons of the Republican effort because of this, we have to take that responsibility."

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