

Haig Denies Nixon Has A 'Go to Hell' Attitude

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The White House chief of staff said yesterday that President Nixon's refusal to supply the Senate Watergate committee with a broad array of tapes and documents does not signify a new "hard-line approach" by the administration.

"The President isn't sitting out here telling people to go to hell," said Alexander M. Haig Jr. "We're cooperating fully with the Watergate prosecutor and I don't know how anyone makes a hardline approach out of that."

Mr. Nixon sent Watergate committee chairman

Sam J. Ervin, Jr. a letter last Friday, rejecting the committee's subpoenas for nearly 500 Watergate-related documents and other materials, some of which have already been turned over to the Watergate prosecutor. One committee member, Senator Herman Talmadge (Dem-Ga.), said Saturday that the refusal indicated "he has something to hide."

The tone of the letter was unyielding, with Mr. Nixon declaring that cooperation with the committee's request "would unquestionably destroy any vestige of confidentiality of presidential communications."

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