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PRESIDENT NIXON AND RABBI KORFF  
The book, its author and its subject

## Nixon, Rabbi Korff Deplore a Verdict

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Rabbi Baruch Korff said yesterday that President Nixon agrees with him that the conspiracy-perjury conviction of John D. Ehrlichman is "a blot on justice."

Rabbi Korff, head of the Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, made the statement at a news conference following a 15-minute meeting with Mr. Nixon.

In an interview which Mr. Nixon granted Rabbi Korff last May 13, the President questioned the possibility of getting a fair trial in the District of Columbia. Ehrlichman, his former No. 2 White House adviser, also questioned the makeup of the jury that last Friday found him guilty in the Ellsberg break-in.

"The Ehrlichman conviction was a blot on justice," said Rabbi Korff in response

to a question.

In the interview Mr. Nixon said, "I would say it would be extremely difficult for anyone to get a fair trial, for example, in the District of Columbia now. That is no reflection on the judicial system here."

Mr. Nixon blamed the press for what he considers the incursions on a fair trial. "It is time that we recognize in this country that our system is based on the principle of trial by jury and not trial by the press," he said.

"I think much of the press has been responsible," he said. But he cited "source" stories and leaks and said he had seen men "tried and convicted in the press and on television so that the chance for them to get a fair trial almost any place is almost impossible."

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