

10 Potential Areas Of Nixon Charges

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Before announcing the pardon of former President Nixon, the White House asked Watergate prosecutors about the potential charges against Mr. Nixon.

There were about ten different areas of "possible criminality" on Mr. Nixon's part, according to informed sources.

Before the pardon was granted, a prosecution source said, "The White House asked for, and was given, a generalized list of areas in which Nixon might be indicted."

A Capitol Hill source add-

ed that President Ford had expected at one point to be able to make the list public as a justification for the sweeping grant of clemency.

According to this account, Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski refused to let the list be made public, presumably because of the prejudicial publicity it could generate for the forthcoming Watergate coverup trial.

Mr. Ford decided to go ahead and grant the pardon anyway, absolving Mr. Nixon of all federal crimes that he "committed or may have committed or taken part in" while in office.

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