

Mr. Nixon Resigns Again

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In transmitting Richard Nixon's decision to resign from the California bar, an attorney has explained that the former President will be busy with "matters other than law." The obvious implication is that, since Mr. Nixon will have neither the time, nor the inclination to practice the profession, it would be pointless for him to retain his license.

As with so many Nixon statements, this latest pronouncement hides the truth behind the pretense of a reasonable explanation. The reality is that Mr. Nixon has been under investigation by the California Bar Association. Not even the Presidential pardon Mr. Nixon has received could prevent the bar's investigators from initiating disciplinary proceedings leading to possible disbarment if they felt adequate warrant existed because of his Watergate role.

Once again, the man who has habitually proclaimed

his readiness to subject his actions to full scrutiny, has chosen voluntarily to put an end to impartial investigative process before it could run its course.