

# Goldwater Asks Nixon Confession as Aid to G.O.P.

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WASHINGTON, April 27— Senator Barry Goldwater called today on former President Richard M. Nixon to make a "full confession" of his complicity in the Watergate scandals as a first step toward his eventual emergence as a senior spokesman for the Republican party.

Mr. Goldwater, who met with Mr. Nixon last January at the former President's San Clemente, Calif., estate, later told reporters that Mr. Nixon had expressed a desire to reinvolve himself someday in his party's affairs, although not as a candidate for office.

The Senator said today that he believed that if Mr. Nixon would "get his name cleaned up," either through a public statement or before a court, he could become an asset to the Republicans.

Mr. Goldwater, a conservative Arizona Republican, added, however, that he had no knowl-

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at Tulane University, Mr. Goldwater urged the country to "forget this unfortunate happening, learn our lessons from it, and promise never to repeat them."

He applauded the Tulane address, in which the President told the nation that the war had ended "as far as America is concerned" and called for a "great national reconciliation."

"Now I think that was a strong leadership-type speech," Mr. Goldwater said, adding that he believed it had lessened the likelihood of a challenge to Mr.

Ford's Presidential candidacy from the Republican Party's conservative wing.

The Senator expressed no such assurances, however, that Cice President Rockefeller, a longtime political foe, would be selected by next year's Republican National Convention for the number-two position on his party's Presidential ticket. He predicted that "activities in the directions of replacing" Mr. Rockefeller would "start about a year from now."

Mr. Goldwater said that although he quarreled with the

Communist superpowers and the large deficit in the Administration's budget for the coming fiscal year, he planned to support Mr. Ford in his bid for election to the Presidency.

The Senator said that financing the budget deficit could lead to a raging inflation where people would "wind up paying \$200 for a pair of shoes and \$25,000 for a car." "And having lived through several depressions and a couple of inflations," he said, "I'd rather have a depression any day than inflation."



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Senator Barry Goldwater at televised interview.

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Republican leaders in Congress have thus far not responded with much enthusiasm to suggestions that Mr. Nixon might one day decide to emerge from his political retirement.

Leon Jaworski, the former Special Watergate Prosecutor, made a similar appeal last February to Mr. Nixon to tell what he knew about the cover-up of the Watergate bugging case.

Mr. Goldwater made his appeal during an interview on the CBS television program "Face The Nation," in which he spoke mainly about his expectations for next year's Presidential election.

The Senator, who for years has been an ardent advocate of a United States military victory in Indochina, said in response to a question that he did not intend to make the fall of the Saigon Government and of Cambodia a political issue in 1976.

Echoing the tone of President Ford's remarks last week