

# Resignation a relief--David

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PHILADELPHIA — President Nixon's family was relieved when he finally decided to resign, David Eisenhower says in a copyright story in the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin.

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 "We started debating as a family Friday night, and it carried over the weekend and into the week," said Eisenhower. "It took quite a while for the decision to be made."

"Our position as a family was that we would support either decision. Our concern that last night was for him. But frankly, after a year and a half of Watergate, for the family this is a relief."

The newspaper quoted Nixon's son-in-law as saying the night of the resignation Nixon was serene and sentimental.

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 "Mr. Nixon's mood that night was . . . I would call it serene. Wednesday night was very sentimental. A mood settled over him at some point, predating his final trip to California, of 'Let the chips fall where they

may.'"

"I wouldn't call it peace of mind," Eisenhower said. "He wasn't necessarily happy with it, but he wasn't nervous or agitated or bitter or on edge."

Eisenhower said Nixon acquiesced to resigning although he would have preferred the impeachment process continue.

"You have to realize that in his own mind, he still considers himself an innocent man. He didn't intend resignation as an admission of guilt, just of exhaustion."

"He felt it didn't serve anybody's purpose to put the country through all of that. The basic struggle was political from the outset, and politically he stood convicted," Eisenhower said.

Eisenhower described Mrs. Nixon as proud of her husband but hurt by his downfall.

"His hurts were her hurts, his pride her pride. She's proud of him. Of course, she's unhappy with the way things worked out."