

# A Preview of Nixon's Third Session

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In his third interview with David Frost, Richard Nixon defends his alleged abuses of presidential power as "necessary . . . to strengthen his diplomatic hand — particularly his efforts to end the war in Vietnam," Newsweek magazine said yesterday.

The alleged abuses discussed, Newsweek said, include the administration's "enemies" list and the break-in by the White House "plumbers" at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

The magazine quoted Nixon as saying: "I knew that to get the enemy to take us seriously abroad, I had to have enough support at home. They could not feel that they could win in Washington what they could not get on the battlefield."

The third of the series of interviews, for which Frost paid Nixon \$600,000, is scheduled for broadcast Thursday.

"This week he (Nixon) is back on the defensive," Newsweek said. "What emerges is Nixon's chilling notion of all-but-unlimited presidential power as long as it serves the national interest."

The magazine said Nixon denies advance knowledge of the break-in at the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist "but acknowledges that the unit was waging a politically motivated campaign against dissent."

According to the magazine, "rather than win over his opponents, Frost says, Nixon tried to disable and discredit them" by approving a plan to spy on dissidents and attempts to use the Internal Revenue Service to harass opponents of the Vietnam war.

"In my view, I had a responsibility which was, above everything earliest possible conclusion," Nixon is quoted as saying.

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