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JOHN DRAMESI
Washington perils

Nixon's Tip to a Bachelor

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President Nixon had some advice yesterday for former POW Lieutenant Colonel John Dramesi, divorced and unescorted on a visit to Washington: "Watch out for some of the dogs they have you sit by" at Washington parties.

But apparently realizing some women might take his remark too seriously, Mr. Nixon added, "No, they're very nice."

Mr. Nixon made the remark when Dramesi, of Blackwood, N.J., came to the Oval Office to present him and American flag he had made while a captive in North Vietnam.

He told Mr. Nixon the flag, made of blue threads and red string sewn on a white linen handkerchief, flew over the "Hanoi Hilton" nightly when the North Vietnamese "didn't bother us much."

Dramesi told Mr. Nixon, in response to a question from the President, that his wife divorced him in 1969 while he was in a prison camp. Mr. Nixon then told the dark-haired 40-year-old Air Force officer he did not look his age, and indicated Dramesi would be a popular bachelor in demand at Washington dinner parties — warning him to "watch out for some of those dogs they have you sit by."

The President also told Dramesi he was proud to have the flag and added: "We'll preserve it in the presidential library. It's important to me."

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