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Weicker sends Nixon 11 questions, acting under a resolution unanimously adopted by the Ervin committee at his suggestion. The committee adopted the question format after Nixon never replied to repeated requests by the committee for a meeting with him. Weicker is the only member to send questions to Nixon. By 18 Apr he still had not received a reply.

Sample questions: "The law required you to inform a judge 'as soon as possible' [on learning of the Fielding break-in]. Under what authority did you withhold that information from appropriate officials until after April 17, 1973?" "Which judge or law enforcement official did you contact after learning of Watergate crimes on March 21 (1973)?" "In light of your statements that you directed the Dean investigation, what is the difference in your measure of responsibility from that of John Dean?" "When John Ehrlichman discussed executive clemency with you in July, 1972, prior to any indictment, trial or conviction, why didn't you ask how such a matter could possibly relate to what was being called a 'third-rate burglary?'"

Weicker's questions are based on Nixon's own statements as well as sworn testimony.

WXP 7 Feb 74, Lawrence Meyer

WXP 18 Apr 74, Jack Anderson