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[Boyd Harvey, Los Angeles. First few words missed; paraphrase: At least one member of the Nixon] cabinet is getting a little tired of questions about the Watergate bugging incident. Housing Secretary George Romney paused, while walking precincts in the Los Angeles area, to chat with reporters. About the Watergate incident, Romney says, and I quote, "Someone down in the organization did it," end of quote, but he says it will all come out.

Romney [voice]: Some stupid people did some stupid things, and the ones who did it ought to be indicted. It was reprehensible and wrong.

Reporter: This is an issue that the people can understand. It's easier to understand than --

Romney [interrupts]: Well, heaven help us if people can only understand an issue like that. With this nation in crisis, with this nation confronted with world problems of the utmost importance, with this nation confronted with problems in our cities, with problems economically, with problems of drug and law enforcement and problems of that type - if this is the only thing that people can understand, heaven help us. I think you're wrong.

Reporter: Secretary Romney says Democrats and reporters are the ones who are keeping the issue alive.

This is Boyd Harvey, in Los Angeles.

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