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The Nixon Ethic And How It Works

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..... Mr. Nixon was asked about all this [the Watergate affair] in his news conference of August 29. He made what he called a "categorical" statement that "no one in this administration, presently employed, was involved in this very bizarre incident."

At the same news conference Mr. Nixon dealt with charges that the administration might cover up the investigation. As barriers against a whitewash, he cited "a full field investigation by the FBI" and prosecution by the Justice Department.

But now it comes out that the Justice Department has not pressed those indicted for the break-in on the source of their funds. Stans, who is a potential source, has refused to be questioned. And the Washington Post has developed a story to the effect that Robert Mardian, a former Assistant Attorney General and leading figure in the reelection campaign, directed the destruction of documents pertinent to the Watergate affair.

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