

On the President's Role In the Watergate Study

To the Editor:

In an editorial on March 30, The Times calls on the President to "take personal charge of the process of full disclosure" in the Watergate affair. There is growing suspicion that Watergate was engineered, or at least condoned, by high-level White House officials, and since the President evidently runs everything else in his Administration with a firm hand, it is at least possible that he knew what was going on.

Neither in this system of justice nor in any other can a man be expected to investigate himself. The Watergate affair should be investigated in the name of the American people as an unpardonable interference with the American system of elections and government. While it may not be clear just what the President's role in the investigation should be, it most certainly should not be that of judge or prosecutor.

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