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Pennsylvania's Republican senator, Richard Schweicker, says he's tired of the continuing Watergate revelations. One remedy, says Schweicker, would be to close down the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Schweicker [voice]: It just seems to me that they're hiring people, they're going on about their business, and money's being received. To what purpose? It seems to me that we've had enough experience to know that since the election as much problem has been created by the committee as before the election.

Collins: President Nixon returned to Key Biscayne this morning after an 18-hour visit to a private island in the Bahamas. Correspondent Robert Pierpoint is with the Presidential party.

Pierpoint: President Nixon is spending a great deal of time down here working on the Watergate matter, but no one will say just what he's doing. His press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, has been given some new assignments by the President but declined for the fourth straight day to brief newsmen. Instead, his deputy, Gerald Warren, tried to answer reporters' questions, though in most cases his answers amounted to a "no comment." Warren did say that there have been no changes in the status of any members of the President's staff but that Ziegler was taking on some extra duties during this Easter holiday period because he is the senior staff member present. Neither chief of staff Bob Haldeman nor the President's top domestic adviser, John Ehrlichman, have come down on this trip, which is why Ziegler has taken over some of their duties, temporarily, according to spokesman Warren.

Warren did make one flat statement today, declaring that President Nixon did not have advance knowledge of the Watergate bugging.

Robert Pierpoint, CBS News with the Presidential party in Florida.