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Bugging Affair Called 'Tragedy'

LEXINGTON, Va., April 24 (AP)—Former Republican Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine said last night of the Watergate affair that she will "never understand how Nixon could have appointed people who would do this."

Answering a question from a student audience at Washington and Lee University, she termed the Watergate affair "a tragedy and unfortunate" and called for an open investigation.

The investigation so far has been too long delayed, said Mrs. Smith, who was defeated for re-election to the Senate last November and was making her second speech since then.