

Leadership In Danger, Romney Says

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President Nixon "is likely to lose his capacity for leadership" unless he aggressively "proceeds to the truth" of the Watergate bugging and other scandals facing the administration, George Romney said yesterday.

Romney, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Nixon administration, made his comment during a question and answer session at an assembly at Landon School in Bethesda.

"I said last summer that Watergate was, number one, stupid, and number two, reprehensible," Romney said.

"The President has indicated he will proceed to the truth. I think that the President has to be aggressive in doing so. Unless he is, he is likely to lose his capacity for leadership. It's just that simple."

Sen. Kennedy Sees Damage to Country

BOSTON, April 26 (UPI) —Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) said yesterday that the Watergate case and subsequent investigation has been damaging to the country.

"Watergate affects the whole relationship between the Executive and the American people, and our relationship with countries throughout the world," Kennedy said. "I feel a sense of sadness about its implications with regard to the office of the presidency and the country."

Kennedy made his remarks before a student audience at Suffolk University.

Bug Probe Delays Klein Resignation

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Herbert Klein, President Nixon's communications director for four and a half years, is resigning that post, the New York Daily News said last night.

The News said Klein told friends he is considering a position with Metromedia Broadcasting Corporation, among other offers. Metromedia includes WTTG (Ch. 5) in Washington.

Klein's departure has long been expected. The News said it was scheduled to be announced last Thursday, but was delayed so he would not appear to be resigning under the pressure of the Watergate investigations.

Billy Graham Doubts Nixon Knew About It

RALEIGH, April 26 (UPI) —Evangelist Billy Graham said today that he doubted that President Nixon knew about the Watergate bugging affair.

Graham told newsmen the President has never discussed Watergate with him but that he "would seriously doubt he knew anything about it—he's too smart for that."

"Secondly, I think he has a great deal of moral integrity and I think he's going to handle it—I think he's now going to find the truth of it and handle it decisively."