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Defends Her Father

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower yesterday described her father as "in an agonizing position" because of the Watergate scandal which she said is "hurting the administration."

The President's youngest daughter, addressing a news conference during the dedication of a \$3.4 million rehabilitation center for the crippled, said:

"I'm proud of my father and I'm sad to see this happen because I feel he's done so much for the country. I think this is hurting the administration. I know he is doing everything in his power to get to the truth in Watergate."

Asked how the Nixon household was affected by the bugging scandal, Mrs. Eisenhower said the Nixon family "has always been very close. So of course it's hard to see my father in an agonizing position when he's having to find out unpleasant things and make hard decisions.

"But it's also nice to know he's gone through tough times before and he's always seemed to make the right decisions," she added.

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