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Abzug Seeks House Impeachment Probe

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NEW YORK — Rep. Bella Abzug said yesterday she, Rep. John Moss, the Sacramento Democrat, and others will sponsor a resolution seeking a House inquiry to determine whether there are grounds for impeaching President Nixon.

"Others tell us that even if Nixon was implicated in Watergate and associated scandals, even if he did attempt to bribe the Ellsberg trial judge with a top government job, we should overlook it because the stability of our government is at stake," Mrs. Abzug (D-N.Y.) said.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) said meantime that if the Senate's Watergate investigation, of which he is chairman, should uncover any personal involvement of Nixon, he would not shy from making the information public.

Ervin said in an interview with the Raleigh News and Observer that "I would be very saddened," but "if the President was personally involved in this matter, I think it is the duty of the committee to have the intellectual honesty to say what it believes the truth to be after it has completed the hearings."