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Russo Thinks Nixon Knew About the Watergate Affair

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio, May 18 (AP) — Anthony J. Russo Jr., codefendant in the Pentagon papers trial with Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, said last night it was "inconceivable" that President Nixon did not know about the Watergate affair before the arrest of the defendants.

Mr. Russo made his remarks at Antioch College after striking students invited him to cross picket lines and speak. The students have been striking for more than a month in an attempt to get the Administration to guarantee student loans.

Mr. Russo called for the impeachment of the President. If Henry A. Kissinger ordered wire tapping to check on mem-

bers of the Administration and used the same team involved in Watergate for surveillance of those people, "we can assume Nixon knew about certain wire-tapping operations," Mr. Russo said.