

How Nixon's Bearing Up

Washington

Julie Nixon Eisenhower said yesterday her father is bearing up through the Watergate scandal "quite well" and trying to concentrate on running the country.

The President's younger daughter, wife of David Eisenhower, grandson of the late President Eisenhower, gave an intimate account of Mr. Nixon's travail over the widening Watergate investigation during an interview with Barbara Walters on NBC's "Today" show.

She said she had been watching the televised hearings of the Senate Watergate committee and found them "an unfolding mystery."

IMPEACH

Mrs. Eisenhower said there had been no mention to her of possible impeachment of the President, but there had been family discussions of the impact his resignation would have on the country.

"I think it would be a grave mistake for him to resign," she said, adding that it might be interpreted

as an admission of "wrongdoing."

Asked how the family was giving the President solace during the crisis, she said solace wasn't quite the right word.

"He is not in despair," she said. "He is taking it quite well. He has a very positive attitude. We're saying to him, 'We believe in you.'"

OVERSHADOWED

She said, however, that her father had "expressed frustration because his achievements at this point in the administration have been overshadowed by Watergate.

"He's not saying forget about Watergate, but is trying to move ahead, hoping that the American People can focus on other important developments as well."

Asked about the effects of Watergate on the President's demeanor, she said there had been "no dramatic change."

"He looks a little older in repose," she said, "but we might expect that. He's past 60."

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