Gurney Wants Watergate Panel To Resolve Nixon Issue Quickly

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WASHINGTON, May 31-A who worked for G. Gordon ate Watergate committee said gate conspirators.

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Republican member of the Sen- Liddy, one of the seven Water-

ate Watergate committee said today that the panel should move "faster and more decisive ly" on the question of whether President Nixon played a role in the Watergate scandal.

Senator Edward J. Gurney of Florida contended that in its initial hearings, the committee had heard "minor witnesses" who offered hearsay testimony but "shed little real light on the involvement of the President."

Mr. Gurney proposed calling Mr. Gurney proposed calling H. R. Haldeman, former White House chief of staff; John D. Ehrlichman, the President's former assistant for domestic affairs, and John W. Dean 3d, the ousted White House counsel. The Senator also wants to hear immediately from former Attorney Genera I John N. Mitchell, former Commerce Sectent White House counsel Charles W. Colson and former Nixon lawyer Herbert W. Kalm-

the involvement of the President."

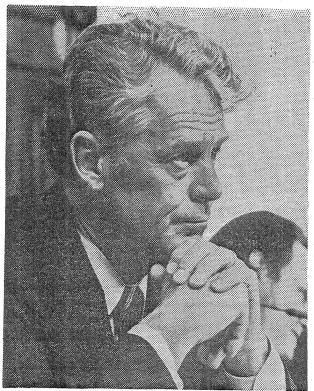
Mr. Gurney—in a letter to the chairman, Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina — proposed calling seven of Mr. Nixon's ranking advisers as soon as the hearings resumed Tuesday.

Vice President Agnew made a similar appeal yesterday. He said in an interview that if the Senate would not wait until the Federal courts explored possible criminal charges, he would "like to see it all get dredged and get it over with."

Senator Gurney denied in aninterview this afternoon that his call for more urgency had been politically motivated, rather, he said, the relatively slow pace has interferred with "the conduct of the Presidenty." "The Watergate hearing hangs over Washington like a black thundercloud with everyone wondering if the storm will break," Senator Gurney wrote in his letter to Senator Ervin, copies of which went to other members of the panel. "In the meantime, the Government has either ground to a halt or is proceeding at asnail's pace," the letter said. Senator Gurney told the chairman that if the committee continued at its present pace there would be a "stream of scare headlines prompted by more hearsay and innuendo."

In his office this afternoon, Mr. Gurney said that he would not object to dealing with less important witnesses first if the hearings were attracting less widespread attention.

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Senator Edward J. Gurney, Florida Republican and a member of the Senate select committee on Watergate, listening to testimony at hearings two weeks ago.