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**Sen. Baker Sees
 Power Regained**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 2 (AP)—Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) says the Watergate scandal has damaged President Nixon's image but helped Congress regain power lost to the executive branch.

Baker, ranking minority member of the Senate's Watergate Committee, says he is unsure how Watergate will affect the Republican Party as a whole.

"It's too early to tell," the 47-year-old senator said in an interview. "I don't think the party itself has lost credibility."

"There's no doubt that the President's position has been injured and damaged. Whether that's transient or permanent remains to be seen," he said.

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**Halt Hill Inquiry,
 Kleindienst Urges**

ATLANTA, June 2 (UPI)—Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said Friday the select Senate committee probing the Watergate affair should suspend hearings until criminal matters involving the break-in are settled in court.

Kleindienst, who resigned as Attorney General after the Watergate case drew to involve some of his associates in the Nixon administration, said it may be difficult for all criminal matters to be solved in

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