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McCloskey

Keeps After Nixon

Congressman Paul N. McCloskey said here yesterday that if President Nixon doesn't make "a full disclosure" of his role in the Watergate affair "within a few days," the House will have an obligation to move toward an impeachment inquiry.

The Palo Alto Republican told an airport press conference he thinks the "full disclosure" could be made by the President "either in the give-and-take of a full press conference" or before a House committee.

"I don't believe it is premature to ask the President to explain this steadily tightening circle of events," McCloskey said.

The maverick Republican, who ran against Mr. Nixon in some of the GOP primaries last year, attempted on Wednesday to make a speech on the House floor on Congress' responsibilities in impeachment proceedings.

But he was prevented from completing it because there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

McCloskey said yesterday he will make another attempt to spark discussion of the impeachment process on June 18.

"Many of my colleagues are now discussing just how the process should be handled — whether in the Judiciary Committee or by a special committee of inquiry."

Hess said it was "quite clear the President lied when he said on August 29 he had asked three agencies to investigate Watergate.

"But we have not been in the practice recently of impeaching politicians for lying," he added.