

# Many Senators Believe Nixon

Washington

There is a widespread belief in the Senate that President Nixon knew about the Watergate events long before he publicly admitted it and that he was engaged in coverup

efforts, according to a Washington Post survey conducted yesterday.

That belief is by no means universal, particularly among Republican senators.

Most senators voicing that theory quickly added that,

without further evidence to corroborate the coverup accusations made by former White House counsel John W. Dean III, there wouldn't be enough legal basis to impeach the President.

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than two dozen senators of both parties show that as of now, 16 believe the President was engaged in the coverup, three are undecided or refused to speak on the matter — even without public attribution — and only six

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Republicans and one southern Democrat said they believe the President's denials that he was engaged in any coverup.

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