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Kissinger on Watergate and Foreign Policy

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Henry A. Kissinger says Nixon administration critics are confusing the Watergate scandal and the nation's foreign policy and are jeopardizing American authority abroad, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

The President's national security adviser, in an interview in the magazine's current edition, called on dissidents to observe a sort of limited Watergate cease-fire.

"Is it possible," Kissinger asked, "to isolate foreign policy from the general difficulties we are facing as a nation? I don't know the answer, but that is the question that torments me."

Kissinger is quoted as saying he believes "the basic design of foreign policy is intact," despite Watergate. He said he is worried that many American opinion makers who have applauded Mr. Nixon's foreign policy may turn against it.

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