

Nixon 'Hard To Believe' --McGovern

Washington

Senator George McGovern said yesterday that he wants to believe President Nixon isn't involved in the Watergate affair "but it is hard to believe someone who demands to be taken on faith but declines to be forthcoming with the facts.

"If Mr. Nixon insists on a President's special prerogative to withhold evidence," the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee asked in a Senate speech, "can he fairly invoke an ordinary citizen's presumption of innocence?"

The South Dakota Democrat, who has generally refrained from discussing the Watergate case he often sharply criticized on the 1972 campaign trail, referred to the President in a speech calling for "real reform" of the way in which elections are financed.

He said Mr. Nixon and Congress share a responsibility in restoring the credibility of government. He urged the President to release tapes and documents the Senate Watergate committee seeks.

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