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President Nixon as he addressed the nation on television last night about the Watergate scandal

## Highlights of Nixon's Speech

### Washington

Here are highlights of President Nixon's speech and prepared statement last night on the Watergate affair:

**PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND INVOLVEMENT**—Repeated that he had no prior knowledge of the Watergate break-in and was not aware of the coverup.

**THE INVESTIGATION**—Ordered a thorough and aggressive investigation; repeated that reports said no persons other than the seven subsequently indicted were involved; didn't learn until March 21 that others were involved and that there had been cover up.

**ELLSBERG BREAK-IN** — Said he first

learned of break-in March 17 rather than March 21 as he said previously.

**EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY**—Said he did not authorize it for Watergate defendants.

**PRESIDENTIAL TAPES** — Said that confidentiality is essential and that he will continue to oppose releasing White House tapes.

**POLITICAL ABUSES** — Deplored illegal acts committed in the 1972 campaign, pledged to ensure that such abuses are not repeated.

**THE FUTURE**—Called for turning the question of guilt or innocence in Watergate over to the courts; asked for understanding and help in carrying out the goals of his administration.

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