

# What Nixon Said About Agnew

## Washington

President Nixon, expressing confidence in Spiro T. Agnew "during the period that he served as Vice President," declined yesterday to disclose what course he would adopt in the event Agnew is indicted by a grand jury investigating corruption in Maryland.

It would be a grave infringement on Agnew's rights even to discuss such hypothetical questions, Mr. Nixon said.

He also refused during his news conference to reveal what he and Agnew decided or discussed Saturday when

they met for two hours at Agnew's request.

There is a constitutional question as to whether a vice president can be indicted without first being removed from office through impeachment. Legal experts differ. Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson has said he alone will decide the issue.

As he had at a news conference two weeks earlier, Mr. Nixon appeared deliberate in limiting his endorsement of Agnew's integrity to the period he had known him. The investigation in Baltimore involves events which occurred before that.

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