

Bundy Calls For an End To Mistrust

McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, called yesterday for an end to mistrust among the nation's institutions — governmental, charitable, educational and corporate — and cited President Nixon as one who must change.

In a Commonwealth Club address, the former national security advisor to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson praised President Nixon's handling of the Mideast crisis, but added:

"... none of this explains the outburst of illtemper to which the President gave way last Friday.

"To begin to understand that, we must consider the whole atmosphere of the White House in the set of events we call Watergate.

"At its center, the present Administration has behaved in a lonely and mistrustful fashion not only with its real opponents, but with all sorts of people and institutions that would gladly have been its friends, if not its political allies.

"In that sad sense it has been a model of the kind of narrow thinking which is the main enemy of mutually respecting interdependence," he said.

As another example, Bundy cited California industri-



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alist David Packard who, he said, urged in a New York speech a few weeks ago that large corporate gifts to major private universities should be "only when the support . . . given is of a kind that is specifically helpful to corporations."

Bundy said "It is quite true that the best of our universities harbor some of the most severe critics of "the system," including the business corporation, and indeed the private foundation."

But, he declared, "a great university governed in the self-interest of any one factor of society is not merely an improbability, but a contradiction in terms. The great free private universities of the 1950s were not, and could not be, the obedient servants of free enterprise.

"They were, as they should always be, the critical friends of freedom."