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Weinberger:

Watergate Still Bleeds

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Casper W. Weinberger admitted Wednesday that Watergate has had a "depressing" effect on government, but said the Nixon administration is now beginning to devote more time "to the business of government" than it has in the past five months.

"A great deal of important government matters were neglected to some extent" because of the White House's concern with Watergate and related investigations he said.

Weinberger, who has held high posts in the Nixon administration for the past 3½ years said Watergate "is like a hemorrhage that you can't get a tourniquet on. It's still pouring out blood.

"I don't see any end to it," the HEW secretary continued, "and that is as deplorable as the event itself."

Nevertheless, Weinberger said he sees no basis "for the groundswell of demands" that President Nixon either resign or be impeached. There is nothing showing the President was involved or had any complicity with Watergate. He said people are pushing the President to resign because they know they can't impeach him.
