

Baker Says President Won't Resign Office

DALLAS, Nov. 9 (UPI)— Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), vice chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, said today that President Nixon has not lost his ability to govern the nation and said he did not think Mr. Nixon would resign from office.

"I think very clearly the President has not lost ability to govern," Baker told a news conference before a fund-raising dinner for Rep. Alan Steelman (R-Tex.).

Baker said Mr. Nixon was "very strong" during the Middle East war.

"I've never seen a man so obviously in control of the situation," he said.

Baker said, however, that Mr. Nixon's chances of enacting a broad domestic policy

during his remaining three years in office were hurt by the Watergate situation.

"I think he's lost clout with Congress in that," he said.

France Accused Of Illegal Wiretaps

Reuter

PARIS, Nov. 9—The majority of telephone taps carried out in France by the government are illegal, a Senate investigating committee said today.

The committee issued a report following a four month investigation, and said that it received little cooperation from government officials on the grounds that telephone tapping was a national defense matter.