

Martha Griffiths Takes on Haig

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Representative Martha Griffiths (Dem-Mich.) has called on President Nixon to "step in and take General Alexander Haig apart" for his recent slur on Nixon's



SENATOR WEICKER
"Some nut"

secretary, Rose Mary Woods.

White House chief of staff Haig last week reportedly blamed Miss Woods, Nixon's loyal right arm for the past 22 years, for an 18-minute gap in a crucial Watergate tape.

Although Miss Woods said she could have erased five minutes of the tape by accidentally pressing the wrong button during a telephone conversation, Haig was quoted as saying:

"I've known women that think they've talked for five minutes and then have talked an hour."

Terming his remark "silly and insulting," Representative Griffiths said, "I'll bet Miss Woods could tell you to the second how long she talked — any time. If that woman were to tell everything she knows, all of which she could document, it would murder those men, all of them."

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President Nixon has been forced by the House appro-

priations committee to reveal how much of the taxpayers' money he has given two of his special Watergate lawyers.

Professor Charles Alan Wright is getting nearly \$17,000. Tom Marins, a member of former Treasury Secretary John Connally's Houston law firm, is listed for more than \$18,000.

The heretofore secret items are contained in a \$1.6 million supplemental appropriation request submitted by the White House to make up for sums knocked out of an earlier money bill.

Wright is the constitutional lawyer called to handle the President's claim of executive privilege. Wright left when Nixon switched signals and released his tapes instead of appealing the case, as planned, to the Supreme Court.

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One of the most conservative governors in the country, New Hampshire's Meldrim Thomson, recently wrote an unfriendly letter to GOP Senator Lowell Weicker



REPRESENTATIVE MARTHA GRIFFITHS
"It would murder those men"

about the tactics of Watergate committee investigators. Weicker returned it with a handwritten note.

"Some nut must have gotten hold of your stationery and written this."

Thomson laughingly described the incident, and his

revenge. When Weicker debated columnist William Buckley on TV at Yale University recently, a Thomson aide fired off a note to Weicker, saying:

"Some nut at Yale must have been impersonating you."