

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican of Tennessee, said today that President Nixon had thus far failed to remove public doubt about his role in Watergate. But, he said, "as of this moment, the odds would favor the President continuing his term."

Senator Baker, vice chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, was interviewed on the American Broadcasting Company television program "Issues and Answers."

He said Nixon's efforts to restore public confidence in him had been damaged when the White House did not make full disclosure of all Watergate-related information.

"The situation is so bad and the level of concern and disquiet of the country so great that you cannot stand on narrow technicalities" as grounds for withholding information, Mr. Baker declared.

He said he had personal knowledge that at least some of the information that Mr. Nixon refused to disclose on grounds of national security would be "more helpful than hurtful" to the President.

The Senator would not discuss the information beyond saying, "I believe the information that I possess has sufficient bearing on the conduct of affairs in the White House that it should be disclosed."

He said the information could, if made public, "justify some of the conduct that otherwise appeared unjustifiable."

Mr. Nixon, he said, is adamant that it not be disclosed for fear of breaching national security. Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, who is chairman of the Watergate committee, has decided that the matter is "technically not within the scope of the committee," he said.

Mr. Baker was asked if there were more Watergate bombshells to come.

"There are other things—animals thrashing around in the forest," he said. "I can hear them, but can't see them. I do know of other things that I know should be investigated."

He said some involved national security, but maintained that those considerations should be weighed against "domestic tranquility."