

Republicans' Aide For Nixon Inquiry Receives Rebuke

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Albert E. Jenner Jr., the chief Republican counsel on the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment staff, has been rebuked for comments he made Sunday about President Nixon's possible culpability in the Watergate scandals.

Representative Charles E. Wiggins of California, a senior Republican on the committee, disclosed yesterday that he had sent Mr. Jenner a letter asking him to withdraw his statement. He said he did not believe the lawyer "fully appreciated the significance of what he said."

Mr. Wiggins said he did not think "any member of the staff should be making pronouncements" on the impeachment investigation of the President, commissioned by the full House more than two months ago.

Mr. Jenner, who was hired by committee Republicans 12 days ago, remarked on a Chicago television program Sunday that the President should be held responsible for some of the actions of his aides, even if he did not know about them in advance.

"Certainly within some areas the President should be responsible for the actions of aides even if he didn't know, for example, that an aide was doing something that would be regarded as an impeachable offense if the President himself did it," The Associated Press quoted Mr. Jenner as saying.