Goldwater Says Watergate Will Cut G.O.P. Vote 10%

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Senator Barry Goldwater said today that Watergate would cost every Republican candidate a "disastrous" 10 per cent of the vote this year. The only way President Nixon can help the situation, the Arizona Republican hinted, is by resigning.

Senator Goldwater did not urge Mr. Nixon to resign. And he emphasized that he had not warented either resignation or impeachment. But, as a political matter, he said, unless some sort of "magic" soon redeems the Nixon Presidency, "it's going to be goddamned tough for any Republican to get re-elected, including myself, and I look in pretty good shape."

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Yet Mr. Goldwater drew back from any direct call for the President's resignation.

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