

Impeachment Procedure Favored by Rockefeller

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NEW YORK, Feb. 12—Nelson A. Rockefeller, a potential 1976 GOP presidential candidate, said Monday that he favored impeachment proceedings for President Nixon because they are "the only thing that's going to satisfy the American people."

The former New York governor said, "I saw a little piece on television saying I defended him (Nixon). I have presented his record in other areas with some of the tremendously important things he has done for this country. I don't defend Watergate. I deplore Watergate. I feel as badly as anyone in the country about it because I spent my life in politics. And integrity is the essence of effective political action."

Rockefeller made his com-

ments in an interview with four newsmen in the family offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

He said he is devoting between 60 and 85 per cent of his time to his National Commission on Critical Choices for Americans. He repeated that he will not decide whether to seek the Republican presidential nomination until "late 1975." And he denied again that he was using the commission as a political vehicle.

On the possibility of a Nixon resignation: "I have no indication that he is going to resign."

When asked if he personally favored impeachment proceedings, Rockefeller replied, "Yup, I think at this point it's the only thing that's going to satisfy the American people."