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Flow of Tapes

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The White House decision to cut off the flow of Watergate-related information is based upon a conviction that the political tide is running strongly against impeachment, according to informed sources.

A former Nixon official who still is close to the President said Vice President Gerald Ford has told Mr. Nixon that an impeachment resolution will not clear even the House Judiciary Committee.

This same source said that Mr. Nixon told him that (Mr. Nixon) believes that "time.is on his side" in the impeachment battle as long as the country is convinced that he is doing his job as President.

Last week the President refused to turn over any more tapes that might deal with Watergate to the special presecutor, Leon Jaworski.

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