

Billy Graham Calls for Prayers For Nixon and the House Panel

By The Associated Press

Billy Graham, the evangelist, said yesterday the Watergate affair had put America in a grave situation and urged pray-ers that both the House Judi-ciary Committee and President Nixon would take the right steps.

"We ought to pray for the country," he said. "We ought to pray for the Judiciary Com-mittee, that God will give it wisdom. We ought to pray for the President, that he will be given the wisdom to do what God wants him to do."

In a telephone interview from Phoenix, Ariz., where he is hold-ing a week's crusade, he said of the President:

"I think from knowing him, if he's the same man I used to know, I think he will put what's best for the country above everything else. I think he will look at it from the

long view, the historical view, and do what he thinks best to protect the Presidency and the country."

The evangelist said that, be-cause of the heavy schedule of his crusade, he had not read the transcripts of White House conversations released by Mr. Nixon and would not comment in detail until he had.

However, in regard to the numerous "expletives" deleted from the text, Mr. Graham said, "It's not the language I've ever heard him use." Then he ad-ded:

"The Lord is listening all the time. The Lord has got his tape recorder going from the time you're born until you die. He not only knows what you say, but your thoughts and in-tents. And all these are going to be brought to light in the judgment."