

A fight to the end, says Julie

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Julie and David Eisenhower said yesterday President Nixon would take impeachment "constitutionally down to the wire" rather than resign. They said the tape transcripts merely show him as "a human being who saw his dreams crumbling."

Standing in front of a grape arbor in the Jacqueline Kennedy garden, their voices catching occasionally with anger and emotion, they denied rumors Nixon was preparing to resign and said the nation had no grounds for shock over the profanity or moral tone of the transcripts.

The President's younger daughter — who said she was "so proud" of her fa-

ther — and her husband conducted the news conference while Nixon worked in his executive office building hideaway before leaving for last night's speech in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Eisenhower, who spent Friday evening cruising the Potomac aboard the Presidential yacht with Julie and the President, said Nixon told them he meant to see the impeachment process through to a Senate trial if necessary.

"He would take this constitutionally down to the wire and he would go to the Senate and he said that if there were one senator who believed in him, that's the way it would be," Mrs. Eisenhower said. "He believes that it's a constitutional process. He believes this is the best way to handle the situation."

Asked whether there were any truth in the rising wave of rumor that Nixon is preparing to resign, Eisenhower said, "No," and added, "I think that's categorical — he wouldn't."

Mrs. Eisenhower described her father as "disturbed" by the increasing calls from Republicans for his resignation, but said he was determined to resist them.

Eisenhower said the President was now "stronger than ever" and Julie added that her mother also "takes things with a grain of salt



JULIE EISENHOWER DEFENDS HER FATHER
 "A human who saw his dreams crumbling"

... she's weathering this storm."

Heatedly denying suggestions they had been sent out to speak as mouthpieces for the President, the couple denied that the transcripts show shocking immorality in the Oval Office.

"I don't see how you can be shocked by the transcripts," Mrs. Eisenhower said.

She said they should be read with the understanding that, at the time, Nixon was "a man who saw his dreams crumbling down around him."