

Relative of Seabury Discovered Errors In Tape Transcript

A vice president of a Wall Street brokerage firm, whose late father, uncle and great-uncle worked on the investigation that led to the resignation of James J. Walker as Mayor of New York in 1932, is the man who discovered that the edited transcripts of the White House tapes released by President Nixon contained two versions of a part of the same conversation.

John B. Northrop, 46 years old, said that he read and analyzed the transcripts as printed in The New York Times last week while recovering from a slipped disk. He said that he had noticed discrepancies the first time he read through the transcript of the April 16, 1973, conversation between the President and Henry E. Petersen, an Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Northrop, who heads the municipal bond department of Edwards & Hanly in New York, wrote a letter to two Washington Post reporters, Carl Bernstein and Robert Woodward, telling of his discovery. Their questioning led a White House spokesman to acknowledge that portions of the transcript had been erroneously transcribed.

Samuel Seabury, Mr. Northrop's great-uncle, was the counsel of the committee that investigated charges of corruption in the Walker administra-

tion. His father, John, and his uncle, William, were committee lawyers.



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John B. Northrop of Huntington, L. I., examining transcripts here.