

What Nixon Told Friends On Cruise

Washington

President Nixon, who hosted nine friendly congressmen Tuesday night for a dinner cruise on his yacht, told them he had nothing to do with the Watergate burglary or coverup because "My God, I'm not that stupid." *14 MKT*

The congressmen, a bipartisan group described by the White House as Mr. Nixon's "good friends" on Capitol Hill, reported yesterday that the President talked extensively about Watergate during the two-hour yacht cruise and repeated several times that he will not resign.

Representative Richard Ichord (Dem-Mo.), said Mr. Nixon looked "amazingly well" and "certainly hasn't lost his ability to joke."

"He said he had nothing to do with Watergate," Ichord recalled. "I remember one time he said, 'My God, I'm not that stupid.'"

The dinner cruise appeared part of a new drive to solidify Mr. Nixon's support in the House, where the Judiciary Committee voted

yesterday to serve the President with two more subpoenas for Watergate-related material for its impeachment inquiry.

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