

Haig Cites Nixon Programs

Washington

Alexander M. Haig Jr. said yesterday that President Nixon's Watergate problems have not significantly hindered his abilities to manage the government.

Haig, Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, said, "Notwithstanding the difficulties, we've made

further progress in bringing government back to the people, in suppressing drug traffic, in bringing back normalcy — the return to sanity, if you will — within our society."

But the former Army general acknowledged that "Watergate has had an impact on the conduct of the

nation's business."

"It has diverted a great deal of time and energy of the President and other key public officials from conducting their tasks."

Haig made his remarks in an interview with U.S. News and World Report.

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