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Retired Colonel John Eisenhower, son of the late president, said yesterday the Eisenhower family was "shaken" by the Watergate affair but is confident that President Nixon will come out of it all right.

Mamie Eisenhower, the President's widow, said she has not read the tape transcripts Mr. Nixon released, but added, "I'm a Nixon person and have been for years, which everybody knows, including the President."

Mother and son were at the U.S. Military Academy for the official opening of Eisenhower Hall, a \$22.3 million recreation facility named for the late president.

Eisenhower, a West Point graduate, told newsmen that even with Mr. Nixon's current problems he is "a most thoughtful fellow. He calls my mother on occasions to see how she's feeling and to invite her to Camp David."

The 77-year-old Mrs. Eisenhower confirmed that she has spoken to the President in recent weeks, but she said they did not discuss Watergate.

She said she was delighted to be present at the opening because she had been feeling "rather poorly" for the past six weeks and had not left her Gettysburg, Pa., home to attend public functions.

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