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Magruder Comments
On Edited Transcripts

Jeb Stuart Magruder says the Watergate transcripts indicate to him that President Nixon and his top aides were ill informed or "were trying to put something on the tape for their own uses."

Mr. Magruder made the statement in an interview with the NBC "Today" show's Barbara Walters, taped before he entered the Allenwood, Pa., Federal prison to serve a 10-month sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. The interview will be televised this morning.

Mr. Magruder said he had been "quite depressed and disappointed" at remarks made about him in the transcripts by the President, including a description of him as a "facile liar."