

Report of a Nixon

Request to Ford

Washington

Before Gerald R. Ford was elevated to vice president last year, he rejected a request from President Nixon that he tell former vice president Spiro T. Agnew to resign, a magazine article said yesterday.

Columnists Rowland Evans Jr. and Robert D. Novak said in the Atlantic Monthly that after learning last sum-

mer that Agnew had been talking about his troubles with Ford, then House Republican leader, the President quietly "beseeched Ford to go to the vice president and tell him his resignation was imperative."

The article said: "Ford refused. He told the White House he could never exploit Agnew's trust in an underhanded way."

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