

Nixon Said to Seek Help From Wallace

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 31—A source "close to the White House" says President Nixon attempted to persuade Gov. George C. Wallace and Sen. James B. Allen (D-Ala.) to urge Rep. Walter Flowers to vote against impeachment in the House Judiciary Committee, an Alabama newspaper said today.

Flowers, a Democrat who ran on Wallace's coattails in 1968 when he was first elected to Congress, said that he had not talked with the Alabama governor, or senator.

When asked if he had talked to Flowers, Wallace answered emphatically, "no." However, Wallace did not deny that he had talked to either Mr. Nixon or some other White House official.

"For the record, if anyone contacts me, if anybody is thinking of contacting me, or if anyone has contacted me, I believe it would be improper to talk to Flowers," Wallace said.

In Washington Allen also refused to confirm or deny that the White House had asked him to intercede with Flowers on Mr. Nixon's behalf. But he stressed, "I have never attempted to try to sway Rep. Flowers one way or the other."

Wallace said no one else in his office had talked to the White House or Flowers. "I have not authorized anyone to contact or talk for me," he said.

In today's editions the Birmingham Post-Herald quoted the source as saying Mr. Nixon made the request last week in a last-minute



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effort to sway the impeachment move in the committee.

Flowers voted for two of the three articles of impeachment.

When Flowers first ran for Congress he campaigned as a Wallace supporter. Photographs and advertisements showed him with his arm draped around Wallace's shoulders. The same year, 1968, he also worked as a national campaign coordinator to assist in getting Wallace on the ballot with the American Independent Party.

During a press conference Tuesday, Wallace said that as a "Victim of Watergate," he could not comment on the President's plight.

Wallace was referring to the \$400,000 given by Nixon associates to the gubernatorial campaign of Wallace's 1970 opponent, Albert Brewer.