

Haig Briefs Ford On Nixon Strategy

Washington

Vice President Gerald R. Ford met yesterday with White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig to discuss impeachment proceedings against President Nixon and the defense strategy that Mr. Nixon plans to employ.

Paul Miltich, Ford's press secretary, said Haig gave the Vice President the latest White House "assessment of the situation." He disclosed no other details of the meeting, except to quote Ford as saying: "We discussed the impeachment process and strategy."

Ford has been "doing a lot of thinking lately with regard to his position" on impeachment, Miltich said, "and when the proper time arrives he will make his views known."

House Democratic leader Thomas P. O'Neill told reporters after playing golf with Ford Wednesday that the Vice President "flinches" every time his friends raise the possibility he might become President, succeeding Mr. Nixon.

Ford also met with Kenneth Rush, Mr. Nixon's counselor on economic policy, and went through a series of picture taking sessions with Republican congressmen running for reelection.

Miltich said Ford has made no plans to change his speaking schedule, which calls for him to be away from Washington about 22 days during the month of August when the House is scheduled to debate Mr. Nixon's impeachment.

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