Aide Notes Nixon's 'Affection' for Klein

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A White House spokesman said yesterday that Presi-dent Nixon has great affection for former aide Herbert G. Klein, even though a tape transcript shows the President saying "Klein just doesn't have his head screwed on."

Mr. Nixon made the comment in transcript, released Monday by the White House, of a taped conversation with former chief of staff H. R. Haldeman on June 23, 1972.

Mr. Nixon also was quoted perspective." as saying that Klein is "ab-

solutely and totally unorgan-

Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said yester-day Mr. Nixon has "great affection for Klein" and considers him one of his closest friends.

"You can laugh about this and it can be taken out of context," Warren said. "But I want you to know it is my firm belief that Herbert Klein understands what's behind it.

"Herbert Klein has the kind of mind to put that in

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