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**Va.'s Scott
Continues to
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Sen. William L. Scott (R-Va.) said yesterday he continues to support President Nixon and added that he has been assured by high White House officials that Mr. Nixon will not resign.

Scott also said in an interview that he considers it possible that the House of Representatives may not vote to impeach Mr. Nixon and that most Virginians support the President.

"It is apparent that the President didn't tell the whole truth previously. I regret this very much," Scott stated. He added, however, "I support the President. I continue to support him when he's right. I think the President has been a very fine President."

Scott said he was aware of the rumors that the President's resignation is imminent. But he said, "I have been assured by highest sources at the White House that the President won't resign. There's no doubt he won't resign."

Scott declined to say whom at the White House he spoke to and at what time. He did say he didn't speak to the President. Under questioning, he said: "This does not mean the President might not change

his mind" about resignation.

Scott, who has been one of Mr. Nixon's strongest supporters in the Senate, said that in his conversations with other GOP senators, he has suggested, "Let things settle a little bit."

He said he agrees that if the House voted today the President would be impeached. "But that's not to say that would be the outcome in two or three weeks. It could go either way. I've practiced law for a number of years and there are generally two sides to any question. We don't know what may happen."

Asked whether he believes Mr. Nixon can continue to govern effectively, Scott said he considers "the media, labor and the liberal element partially responsible" for the current situation.

Scott said the president's revelations on Monday "have hurt his credibility with me." He added, however, that he "can't say unequivocally whether obstruction of justice is an impeachable offense. There may be differing points of view on it."

"My constituents are overwhelmingly in favor of the President," Scott said. "I don't know what the revelations of the last day or two may have done to their view. But there never has been a day when my mail has gone against the President."

As to his own possible vote in any Senate trial of Mr. Nixon, Scott said he would "wait to hear the evidence. Every senator I've talked to says the same thing."