

Signature Tells 'All'

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—Former President Nixon's signature tells it all, says a handwriting analyst.

Felix Lehmann studied three examples of Mr. Nixon's signature—the first from shortly after Mr. Nixon took office in 1969, the second several months ago, and the third shortly before he resigned from office.

"Tremendous capitals show pride, but the long thread at the end of his name shows he wants to leave room to maneuver," Lehmann said of the first signature. "The striving for recognition and ambition are overpowering in his handwriting."

The second sample:

"He goes from an appearance of clarity to being wishy-washy . . . But in this signature there is still hope."

And Lehmann's analysis of the third signature:

"There's nothing left. Only a shadow. His ambitions are over. A shapeless stroke, ambiguity. A disintegration of personality, a person sinking within himself."

Samples of signature, SFC 13 Aug 74;
a longer version, with fuller quotation.