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**10 Republicans Say Nixon  
Was 'Not Hounded' Out**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (UPI) — Ten Republicans who originally voted against all impeachment charges against President Nixon have since agreed that he did commit one impeachable offense, and that history should show he was not "hounded from office."

A draft report prepared for the 10 Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee by the minority counsel, Samuel Garrison, said that they now agreed Mr. Nixon was guilty of obstruction of justice.

The report was prepared after Mr. Nixon made new disclosures about his Watergate role and then resigned.

The report said, however, that for the most part the 10 Republicans did not feel Mr. Nixon was impeachable for abuse of power or for defying committee subpoenas, "and that history should so record." It then added:

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"We hope, too, that it will not hereafter be said by many that Richard Nixon was 'hounded from office,' for that is not true.

"It was Richard Nixon, not his longtime critics, who impeded the F.B.I.'s investigation of the Watergate affair by wrongfully trying to implicate the C.I.A.

"It was Richard Nixon, not seasoned Nixon-baiters, who created and preserved the damning evidence of that transgression and who, knowing that it had been subpoenaed by both this committee and the special prosecutor, concealed its ter-

rible import until he could do so no longer.

"And it was not Richard Nixon's media antagonists but a unanimous Supreme Court of the United States which, in an opinion authored by the Chief Justice, whom he appointed, ordered Richard Nixon to surrender that evidence to the special prosecutor, to further ends of justice."

The 193-page majority draft report contended that Mr. Nixon was guilty of all charges in three impeachment articles approved by the committee. The minority draft said that Article I, citing Mr. Nixon for obstruction of justice, "may be taken as substantially confessed by Mr. Nixon on Aug. 5 and corroborated by ample other evidence in the record."

Aug. 5 is the day that Mr. Nixon, under pressure from aides and James D. St. Clair, his lawyer, released a transcript of conversations held in 1972. They indicated that Mr. Nixon had attempted to thwart the Federal Bureau of Investigation's inquiry into the Watergate burglary by suggesting it would have an adverse effect on operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Republicans on the Judiciary Committee said that there was insufficient evidence to support Article II, which charged abuse of power, and Article III, which cited Mr. Nixon for defying subpoenas for tapes and other evidence.

"I remains our view that, for the most part, he was not guilty of those offenses," the minority report said.