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Graham Says Only God Can Pardon Nixon

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Evangelist Billy Graham said yesterday that pardon of former President Nixon for any crimes he might have committed as chief executive must come from God, not man.

Graham, appearing at a Los Angeles press conference in connection with a three-day celebration honoring his 25 years of work in mass evangelism, said Mr. Nixon ultimately "will answer in his own way" before God.

"I'm not able to be his judge," said the evangelist, who has been a confidant of U.S. presidents since the Eisenhower administration.

"There is only one infallible judgment in all of the universe and that's God's judgment. We are all going to stand before him."

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