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Evidence of Nixon Guilt

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Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski has told the Wall Street Journal that evidence already public and still to come at the Watergate trial will conclusively show former President Nixon guilty of obstructing justice.

"The evidence will show he's guilty, just as much as a guilty plea," Jaworski said in an interview published yesterday.

Jaworski also indicated there are areas other than obstructing justice in which a case could be made against Mr. Nixon.

He said President Ford's pardon of Mr. Nixon, and its timing, will not affect the amount of information about Watergate that finally becomes public.

"It's a mistake to believe there would have been more evidence for the public if he had been tried," Jaworski said. "If he had been pardoned after indictment, the public would have no new information. If he had gone to trial, he could have invoked his Fifth Amendment guarantee against self-incrimination, pleaded nolo contendere or even pleaded guilty, and we wouldn't have learned any new details."

The offer of the pardon and its acceptance, he said, also showed Mr. Nixon was

guilty.

"A pardon isn't just a beautiful document to frame and hang on the wall. You are offered a pardon only because it is believed you can be charged and convicted. You accept it only if you want to be cleared," he said.

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