

Comment On Verdicts

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Richard Nixon was described yesterday as "deeply anguished" by the Watergate scandal but on advice of his attorney decided against making any public comment on the conviction of four former aides in the coverup trial.

"Former President Nixon's attorney has advised him against making any specific statements about yesterday's verdict because the defendants have stated their intention to file appeals," an aide to the former President said.

"President Nixon is deeply anguished by Watergate and that these men who were among his closest aides and their families have suffered so much and that their lives have been so tragically touched by Watergate."

The aide who issued the statement declined use of his name.

Ronald Ziegler, former White House press secretary and now Nixon's chief assistant, said Wednesday the former President would have a statement on the outcome of the coverup trial, but this was obviously before Mr. Nixon consulted his attorney.

Mr. Nixon was subpoenaed by both prosecution and defense at the Washington trial but was excused because of poor health.

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