Magruder Says Nixon WXPost Didn't Know Bug Plan

Nixon campaign official Jeb Stuar Magruder, released by orde of U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica Wednesday a ter serving seven months for his role in the Watergat cover-up, said yesterday he still believes former Preside: Nixon did not know in ac vance of the political wiretar ping project of which th Watergate break-in was a part

Magruder said on CBS "Face the Nation" (WTOP that the \$250,000 budget fo the political surveillance e fort under G. Gordon Lidd was a minor element in a \$6 million re-election budget an the project probably was no brought to Nixon's attention until after the break-in. Also he said, so much wiretappin was going on within the Nixo administration that this pro ject probably didn't seem par ticularly noteworthy.

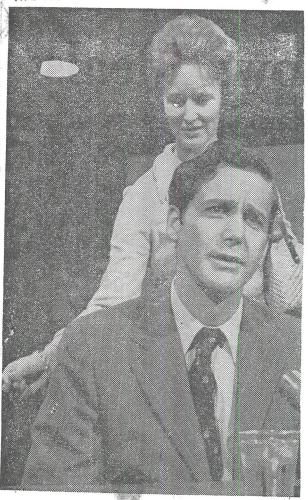
Magruder said one of the reasons the Watergate case was pursued so vigorously was because "our relationship with mabor.

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Tanker, Freighter Collide Off Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP)—An il tanker and a freighter colded off southern Japan in a orm today, but then contined on their way, the Marime Safety Agency said. No oss of oil was reported.

The agency said two of the 8 crewmen aboard the 10,000on Liberian tanker Florence were slightly injured when he vessel collided with the 1,526-ton Greek freighter Mini-



Jeb Magruder, with his wife Gail, prepares to go on TV.