

Nixon Offer to Aid GOP Is Resisted

Washington.

House Republican leader John J. Rhodes said yesterday that former President Nixon might be effective in helping the GOP at some future date — "but not now."

Other Republicans, speaking both on and off the record, expressed doubt about the value of any assistance in the foreseeable future from Mr. Nixon, who resigned last August.

Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) said Tuesday that Mr. Nixon is looking forward to helping the Republican party when his

health recovers.

Goldwater told his fellow GOP senators at a closed luncheon Tuesday that Mr. Nixon had expressed interest in being a spokesman and fundraiser for the GOP.

Rhodes, at a news conference, was asked about Goldwater's comment and replied, "At this time, I don't think such an effort by the former President would be as productive as it might be later.

"Time changes and heals," Rhodes said. "I think that later the former President might be effective in the role he suggests — but

not now."

Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Senate GOP leader told reporters: "I have no comment." He then lapsed into German, saying the equivalent of "I can't speak English."

Senator Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, said, "As a realistic politician, it is difficult to see any role that he could play in the immediate future."

One GOP senator who wouldn't be identified said: "There was silence when he (Goldwater) said that."

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