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*Nixon Asked Aid*

*In Scandal: Saxbe*

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 — Former Attorney General William B. Saxbe said in an interview published here today that Richard M. Nixon personally—and unsuccessfully — pressured him to intervene in the Watergate scandal on the side of the former President.

Saxbe, who became Attorney General at the height of the Watergate scandal in late 1973 and has since been named ambassador to India, was quoted by People magazine as saying "Nixon himself felt that I should get involved in his defense at the Justice Department. This was the first approach — directly by Mr. Nixon.

"He called me over and we sat and talked about it."