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Nixon Blunder Seen

Former Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski speculated that Richard M. Nixon preserved the tapes that led to his downfall because he expected to sell them one day in an edited form.

Jaworski also said that on the basis of unpublished tapes he has listened to, he believes Nixon might have been more careful to avoid trouble had he not won such a lopsided re-election victory in 1972.

He made his comments in two television interviews—yesterday on "Issues and Answers" (ABC, WMAL), and on "Martin Agronsky Evening Edition" (PBS, WETA), filmed for broadcast today.

Jaworski is helping his successor, Henry S. Ruth Jr., prepare a final report before the Watergate special prosecution force goes out of business in September. He said he expects the report to be made public in its entirety.

Jaworski said he believes that if Nixon had destroyed the tapes he still would be President. But he said that if Nixon had destroyed them after the Supreme Court ordered them turned over to prosecutors a year ago he would have been impeached.