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Promises Made to Nixon

Washington

While Richard Nixon was agonizing over whether to resign as president last year he received a secret assurance from Capitol Hill.

He was told that House Speaker Carl Albert (Dem-Okla.) and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter W. Rodino (Dem-N.J.) would oppose continuation of impeachment proceedings if he resigned.

Moreover, Representative Robert McClory (Rep-Ill.), acting at the time as minority leader of the Judiciary Committee, assured the White House that if Mr. Nixon resigned, neither Albert nor Rodino would favor criminal proceedings against him.

The message to Mr. Nixon was disclosed for the first time publicly by McClory and other principals in interviews with the Los Angeles Times yesterday.

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Whether the incident is only a footnote in history or whether it was a factor in Mr. Nixon's decision to resign only Mr. Nixon himself knows.

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