

PANEL BARS INQUIRY

INTO NIXON PARDON

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)

—A House Judiciary subcommittee decided Thursday not to conduct a further inquiry into President Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon.

The Criminal Justice Subcommittee voted 4 to 3 to table a motion by Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, Democrat of Brooklyn, which would have allowed the panel's staff to interview Philip W. Buchen, Mr. Ford's counsel; Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, and "other appropriate persons" regarding the Presidential pardon.

Representative Holtzman called for the inquiry on the basis of a news article that appeared in The Washington Post.

She said the article had suggested that General Haig, on or about Aug. 28, 1974, actively sought to persuade President Ford to pardon Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon resigned on Aug. 9 and was pardoned for his alleged involvement in the Watergate scandal on Sept. 8, 1974.

If the article is true, she said, "this report indicates that President Ford, contrary to his representation to the American public and to the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, was not candid about the facts surrounding his decision to

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