

By WOLFGANG SAXON

David Eisenhower and Edward F. Cox, the sons-in-law of former President Richard M. Nixon, yesterday denied having held views or made statements attributed to them in "The Final Days," a newly published account of Mr. Nixon's departure from the White House.

Both men accused the authors, Bob Woodward and Carl Benrstein of The Washington Post, of using distorted facts, rumors and untruths in describing the roles they played without giving them a chance to set the record straight.

"For my part," Mr. Eisenhower said in a statement issued in Washington, "The Final Days' is too single-minded in trying to document its themes of misplaced faith and insanity. It accepts rumors and assertions too literally and too uncritically, lending an impression which is unfair. It therefore should be read skeptically."

#### Implication Rejected

Mr. Eisenhower, who is married to the former Julie Nixon, "categorically" rejected the implication that he "saw or thought anything suggesting President Nixon was demented" at the time of his resignation. On the contrary, he noted, it seemed remarkable in retrospect that "Mr. Nixon weathered such a harsh time without falling apart."

In reference to another theme of the book, he said he had never feared that President Nixon would commit suicide.

"I observed nothing which remotely indicated he contemplated suicide," Mr. Eisenhower

declared. "I shared a widespread concern for his health."

Citing an instance of "willful distortion," he said that when called by a reporter of The Washington Post "one week ago," he specifically denied that the Nixon marriage was an unhappy one, adding that such a "general characterization" would take more time to rebut than either he or the reporter had available. The paper, he said, then carried his reaction, saying that "the unhappy marriage of 'The Final Days' was indeed a 'general characterization' of the Nixon marriage."

#### Cox Denies Account

Mr. Cox, the husband of Tricia Nixon, particularly objected to an account of a telephone conversation he had in those trying days with Senator Rob-

ert P. Griffin, of Michigan, the Senate Republican whip.

"At no time in the course of that conversation, or any other conversation at any time, did I make any of the notorious statements, including particularly the absurd accusation that President Nixon was talking to pictures in the halls of the White House," Mr. Cox said.

Reached at his law office here yesterday, Mr. Cox also said he had been called by one of the authors but declined to be interviewed. At the same time, he added, he made it "absolutely clear to them if they had any sensational or questionable material which they wished me to verify they could just get in touch with me." According to Mr. Cox, the authors never got in touch with him again.

## Meera Agarwal Wed at Harvard

Meera Eleanora Agarwal, a candidate for an M.F.A. degree at Boston University, was married in Cambridge, Mass., yesterday afternoon to Loran Tyson Thompson, a member of the class of '76 at the Harvard University Law School. The Rev. Ralph Helverson, a Unitarian minister, performed the ceremony in the Appleton Chapel at Harvard.

The couple's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Jagdish C. Agarwal of Concord, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Thompson of New York. Dr. Agarwal is director of development for the Kennecott Copper Corporation. The bridegroom's father is an il-

lustrator. His mother is a watercolorist known professionally as Mary Tyson.

Mrs. Thompson, an alumna of the Ellis School in Pittsburgh an Vassar College, class of '73, studied painting and drawing at the Art Students League of New York and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Me.

Her husband attended the George School in Bucks County, Pa., graduated magna cum laude in 1969 from Amherst College and received an M.A. degree from Harvard. After graduation from law school he expects to join the New York law firm, of Breed, Abbott & Morgan.