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Keynoter Eased Up Some On His Watergate Remarks

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At the request of President Ford's campaign manager, Senator Howard Baker deleted some references to Watergate in his keynote speech to the Republican National Convention last night.

Peter Kaye, chief spokesman for the Ford campaign, said Baker had showed the draft of his speech to Rogers Morton, Mr. Ford's campaign manager.

"The rough draft had language on Watergate," Kaye said, "and he (Morton) suggested it be minimized. He said the speech was twice as long as it should be, and he made the suggestion to Baker, and he was agreeable."

The final draft mentioned Watergate prominently, but while Baker conceded Watergate had hurt the GOP, he criticized the Democrats for not doing something about their own congressional scandals.

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