

Haldeman Promises He'll Tell Everything

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H. R. Haldeman said yesterday he will challenge Richard Nixon's explanation of the Watergate coverup in a book to be released this fall.

The former Nixon White

House chief of staff, who has been silent during the Nixon-Frost interviews, called newsmen to his home to read them a two-minute statement. He refused to answer any questions.

"For the past three weeks I have been watching the Nixon-Frost interviews and I guess lots of people have," Haldeman said. "I've avoided any comment on them because I had the hope they would clear up many of the questions that remain on Watergate. Unfortunately they did not.

"I feel now that I have to challenge President Nixon's explanation of the coverup and that it's time to deal with many things that have been left unsaid. So I've made the decision to put aside the book I've been working on the past several years and to go ahead full steam on the personal inside story of Watergate."

Haldeman, who last Monday lost his Watergate conspiracy conviction appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and faces the prospect of going to prison for his role in the coverup, told reporters that his book on Watergate will be released this fall.

"I'll cover everything on the subject with the gloves off and no holds barred," Haldeman said.

When reporters asked him for reaction to specific comments



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H. R. HALDEMAN He's writing a book

made by Nixon in the interviews, Haldeman concluded:

"Everything I have to say will be covered in the book."

Haldeman, along with No. 2 Nixon aide John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John Mitchell were convicted by a district court jury of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and giving false testimony under oath in an effort to cover up White House involvement in the 1972 break-in at the National Democratic Headquarters.

Haldeman has remained free on bail throughout the appeals process.

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