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ROSE MARY

Q. There's an article in McCall's magazine that says Rose Mary Woods was harassed by officials of the Ford Administration. What have you got to say about that?

A. Frankly, I don't know what Miss Woods is talking about. I understand the article in McCall's came from interviews from unnamed friends of Miss Woods.

However, I did see some specifics: prevented her from handling papers and correspondence of the former President's, failure to allow the gavel collection to be sent to San Clemente, and stationing a guard outside the EOB Office door. As you recall, all of these measures were taken as a result of orders by the U. S. District Court in the Nixon tapes and documents case. Certainly there was no harassment, but merely compliance with the court orders.

Q. Is Miss Woods still on the White House payroll?

A. No. She is paid out of the Congressional appropriation for former President Nixon. He is able to hire anyone he wants and pay them within the restrictions imposed by law and the appropriations act.

Q. Where is Rosemary Woods and what does she do?

A. Her duties are those assigned by the former President. The Former President's Office on Jackson Place has been made available for use by Former President Nixon and I believe she spends some time there. But what she does and where she is located is a decision made by the former President.