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As the Watergate scandal unfolded on TV and in the newspapers, it had all the ingredients of high drama—gripping and all-consuming. *Dick Cavett's Watergate* is an intensely personal, intimate, and entertaining look back at Watergate and the historic resignation of President Richard Milhous Nixon, the only U.S. president to resign the office. The documentary features interviews from *The Dick Cavett Show* library—many not seen since the 1970s—and new interviews with Carl Bernstein (Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist), John Dean (former White House counsel), Timothy Naftali (Watergate historian) and Bob Woodward (Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist).

Dick Cavett's Watergate begins with the first critical Watergate milestone: the arrest of five men for breaking and entering into the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington, DC, on June 17, 1972. Cavett reflects on the moment he first heard about the break-in and became “a Watergate junkie.” He recalls the first mention of the scandal on his show—a mere two days after the burglary—when his guest was Senator Edward Kennedy.

The program features archival news footage and highlights from the Congressional hearings to recount the behind-the-scenes battle between the White House and *The Dick Cavett Show*. In addition, viewers will see rare photos and memorabilia from Cavett's personal collection and hear never-before-broadcast audio from the White House tapes. Cavett offers insights into the key Watergate personalities and provides historical context for the featured clips in new interviews, and on a more intimate note, Cavett reveals his reaction on discovering he was mentioned in the White House tapes—not once, but 26 times.

New interviews with Bernstein, Dean, Naftali, and Woodward explain why Watergate had no effect on Richard Nixon's re-election on November 7, 1972, one of the largest landslides in American political history.

The final milestone the program explores is the pardon of Nixon by President Gerald R. Ford on September 8, 1974. In an interview from 1979 with President Ford, Cavett pressed the president for his opinion of Nixon's guilt or innocence. President Ford's response, 35 years later, still surprises.

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