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To Good Chairman

4/25/73

Pom -

You and the Chairman
may be interested in
Huck Lloyd's remarks in
his note to me and his
editorial comments in his
own paper (one re Watergate
and one re backing of
Democrat Governor)

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THE PHILLIPS COUNTY REVIEW

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PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS 67681

April 23, 1973

Dear Jo:

Thanks for letting me know about Joe Wills. He was a tremendously helpful person, and one of ~~the~~ the nicest guys to work with.

I don't seem to keep very good contact any more. There are so many things that have required looking after here. But perhaps I'm the more fortunate one at that -- some contacts in Washington these days might not be all that pleasant.

If any good can possibly come from Watergate, perhaps the merit of dealing through the established committee, with some degree of control and some interest beyond the single office might once again become apparent.

But this is probably wishful thinking. The next guy will feel that "my boys" would never do anything that stupid.

Regards,


McDill Boyd

And my best to Barbara who makes it possible to answer affirmatively to Ted Lewis' old question!

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PHILLIPS COUNTY REVIEW

Editorials

Thursday, April 12, 1973

Meat On The Hoof!

Cattle prices were off \$2.00 to \$5.00 per hundred weight at the local sale last week as buyers backed away because of meat-price protestors and President Nixon's "freeze" on meat prices.

At Liberal and Garden City, big packing plants closed; and 1400 men are out of work at Midwest Installations. A spring blizzard swept through this area and picked off some baby calves -- only a fraction of the "winter kill" in other places.

With packing house profits down to about one percent, and many large supermarket chains running even less than that; with farm prices up 10 percent and wages up 230 percent in the last 20 years, there is no logic to the attack. An hour of work buys far more food than it did then, but Congress is listening to the voices of consumerism; and even the President himself has been forced into an illogical "freeze" by public clamor.

So perhaps it's time for the farmer, and the agricultural areas, to become a bit illogical themselves, to ask that the rules be suspended, and that everybody go get their own food in their own way as best they can. Grass-fed steers and tough steak from an aging bull butchered on the banks of a creek and sold in the locality where it was raised would put the feeders out of business, but if prices are rolled back to last year while feed costs soar, they will be anyway. In the meantime, most folks in the farm country would have meat.

There are many problems in getting meat from the farm to the meat package in the refrigerated case. It starts, of course, with the cost of the calf that comes from a \$300 to a \$500 cow and \$100 to \$150 a year for her upkeep. This doesn't include anything for the guy who raised it.

Then there are immunizations, dehorning, castration and 10 percent loss of the calf crop from all kinds of hazards before the critters go to market the first time with trucking charges, sales costs, another round with the veterinary and transportation to a feeders' lot thrown into the costs.

These are the calves that get to market quickly. There are many times when weanlings must be sold to another farmer who has good grass; and then the process must be repeated -- trucking, shots, another sale -- before reaching the fattening stage, where feed is rolled, flaked, steamed and put before the steer with expensive equipment necessary to hold down labor costs.

Along the way, it takes about eight pounds of feed for one pound of beef, and with a harsh winter, (when a feeder is lucky to just hold his own) and rocketing feed and protein costs to consider, it would seem like the end of the line should be reached.

But of course it isn't. The steer then goes to the packing plant where 60 percent becomes meat and 40 percent is offal -- the hoofs, internal organs, hide, tallow and blood -- items that don't reach the meat counter. This 40 percent isn't worth much, but somebody has to pay, and it is the housewife that steps up to the counter when she buys the other 60 percent.

At the packing plant, highly sophisticated machinery comes into play under carefully inspected sanitary conditions. The steer is slaughtered, cut into sides, or quarters, the offal separated, and the meat shipped out to be sliced, weighed, packaged in styrofoam containers, wrapped in cellophane, and put on display in costly refrigerated cases.

Along the way every handler (except the farmer of course) is entitled to over-time after 40 hours; sick leave, vacation with pay, social security, unemployment compensation, hospital insurance; and the boss must pay his share of all this in addition to the light bill, rent, upkeep, advertising and general overhead.

So maybe it's time to forget all this fancy business. An old cow can produce some pretty tasty hamburger and flies didn't seem to kill anybody when the buffalo was run down and shot on the dusty prairie and the meat was hauled away in an open wagon.

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King Robert, the First!

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McDILL BOYD

It stirred memories of the factor in locating industry opened the establishment, and it quickly became an entertaining out-of-town I particularly remember pressed L. E. Fischer; the ed the Kansas-Nebraska he could come to Phillip, "spend the day and then is the finest restaurant I it is my feeling that "Bob with the location of the K-N any other person. They rst heart attack, but down community well because nt out of their way to be ardstick for everyone else, can take comfort from the ehalf of their home com- ted.

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Decide On Revenue Sharing At Home

Graham W. Watt, director, Office of Revenue Sharing, Washington, D. C., in a letter sent to all state, city and county officials across the nation this week, once again emphasized that revenue sharing funds are to be used to meet state and community needs as determined by local officials. "President Nixon and the Congress meant for the money to be spent by you in your state, in your community - and not by a big bureaucracy in Washington," said Watt.

And this was just the message I was trying to get across to Governor Docking when I suggested that revenue sharing funds be used to meet emergency needs in highway construction, health care, water and sewer projects, and for state property tax relief. The Governor then publicly declared that the President had told him he didn't want the money used that way. This was a complete fabrication. The President didn't tell anybody that, but Docking has been governor so long, that like the monarchs of old, he believes anything he says is a royal decree. (See cartoon above)

Phillips county has now received \$147,882 in revenue sharing funds since Dec. 12, 1972, and will get another \$32,280 the first week in July. The county commissioners have used some of the money to buy additional road and bridge equipment and provide medical radio communication facilities. The interior of the courthouse will be painted; and the balance of the fund will be committed to help meet pressing needs when the next year's budget is submitted.

There are broad guidelines to observe, but basically, each state, city and county may meet priority needs as determined at the local level. Governor Docking just "got caught" trying to

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Editorials

Thursday, April 19, 1973

Logic In Short Supply

Logic is usually out of place in public affairs. Emotions, the shadow rather than the substance, so often rules. Perhaps it is the silly season, but there are many current examples.

The abortive effort to roll back the price of meat is certainly not a product of logic. Meat prices went up sharply, because of public demand -- yet the same people who provided the demand suddenly clamored for "somebody" to roll prices back. The protestors had been earning, and spending the money which fanned the inflationary fires that pushed the prices up in the first place.

Farmers, at this late date, are being blamed for inflation, when the logical inspection of all available figures indicate that they are the victims, rather than the beneficiaries, of price increases over the past two or three decades.

The Watergate case in Washington drew indignant Republican denials for many months, when logic indicated that only a mis-guided partisan would have had reason to violate the law in an effort to gain a place in the political sun. Members of the Republican National Committee had felt for months that a completely separate, independent and unchecked committee for the re-election of the President, could only lead to trouble.

The governor's refusal to accept responsibility for high priority needs, from federal revenue sharing funds, and his bland, but untrue statement, that the President didn't want the money spent that way at the state level, is incredible logic. The whole purpose of revenue sharing is to put the responsibility back to the state and local level where officials closest to the problems can determine what should come first. Despite official letters of transmittal; despite the endless variety of uses to which these funds are being put by states, cities and counties, the Governor continues to defy the directive.

The insistence of nations with power to force their brand of government upon another has miserably failed time and time again. Yet our Department of State, inbred from top to bottom, and blind to repeated failures, will undoubtedly lead us to a further appeal to the emotions somewhere along the line.

Logic would indicate that most TV advertising is blatantly misleading. No shampoo is going to make you young again; no razor blade is going to smooth out the wrinkles; one detergent is not all that much brighter than another; if one breakfast food will provide all the vitamins you need for a day, so will the others; and government agencies are finding it difficult to say that one aspirin tablet gets to the brain quicker, or is any different, than another.

Yet the emotions can be stirred; one package can look better than another -- and logic goes out the window.

Today's educational process, with its emphasis on the sciences; the narrow concentration upon specific fields; the tendency of higher educational institutions to teach everything about one thing and very little about another in selective courses, should be re-examined.

The lessons of history should be more closely observed; the wisdom of ageless philosophers should be applied more diligently to the study of domestic and world affairs; and students should be taught to use their God-given talents to distinguish fact from fantasy.

Then perhaps we will deserve our affluence; make better use of our leisure time; and learn to live with our neighbors -- anywhere in a world grown small -- without the discord which threatens to tear us apart.

Lack Of Jobs Hurting Kansas

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By McDILL BOYD

A group of men who liked to play "g games" of the day, met to enjoy a Winship and Harry Stoneman were rich met more or less irregularly, he joined by the likes of Park McDr. E. J. Cütshaw and "Brownie" ar I. Afterwards, Bob Anderson, Parker and Roy McDowell played the early thirties some of the other town were initiated as their elders Herb Fleisher, Hank Hahnenkratt, and Elmer Lumpkin took a hand person came along about the time company headquarters opened up elson and Tom Creigh were added along the way, Bud Broun, Wally d a salesman by the name of Walt iefly, sat in from time to time. en players, and no real hard-nosed ut up with the conversation and the was fun-time for all concerned. ow game was called with the best nds splitting the pot, and on one ur Faubion was late. He picked up he was dealt; Gene Henderson had had a flush and Elmer Lumpkin g went on until all the chips around, and pulled out again as "lights". t with the worst hand -- and from lways happy to help his friends by er he had a good hand or not. Fred about that, too, and two weeks ago, e should be revived one last time Saturday, Tom Creigh came down derson came over from Scott City llivan, Lumpkin and Boyd for "one 3 in the morning before anybody s -- the end of a game that really an at intervals all during that long ument, or any ill-feeling of which s aware. No one lost very much or have enriched memories of people iendships that will survive. And n again some "stormy night" for ntirely.



EVERY STATE IN THE MIDWEST -- except Kansas -- reports a gain in industrial jobs the past five years. Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, North and South Dakota, all have gained jobs. Kansas has lost jobs. Governor Docking's industrial development program has failed miserably, and it is long past time to take a good look at the policies which are driving our young people to other areas, instead of looking to Japan for help.

P.H.S. Students To Boys' State

Gene Philbrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Philbrick and Lyle Weinert, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Weinert were chosen as delegates to Sunflower Boys State by the Bennie R. Slick American Legion Post.

Scratchpad

Joseph and Janette Skelton write from 621 Warner St., Fort Morgan, Colo., to renew their subscription to the Review and to tell us how

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Bierwirth, John
Watergate

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JOHN E. BIERWIRTH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

JUL 2 1973

June 26, 1973

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Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Sorry that my comments regarding the situation with reference to the Republicans have caused you any trouble because I am sure you have plenty of problems of your own to deal with. I am, however, extremely upset over the Watergate situation because I feel that President Nixon has deferred in telling the whole truth about this situation, obviously with the hope of protecting some of his associates. However, assuming the President to be blameless on the general situation, I think he should have told the truth when he first discussed the subject and certainly not have deferred with some of his comments which have subsequently come out and others which I am sure will follow in the near future. His defense of his two closest associates also seems to have been misplaced.

It is to be hoped that the situation will be handled properly by the President even though he does not have to testify because I think once and for all it should be cleared up so that the Administration can get on with the important jobs that need to be handled and I sincerely hope that the President's image comes out of this with proper respect and admiration.

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My other general criticism has to do with general economics in this country and balance of payments. Obviously the President has great confidence in George Shultz but unfortunately that confidence I do not think is shared by business, industry, and banking, and this applies both domestically and internationally. I feel very strongly

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that the President is getting rather bad advice from Mr. Shultz and that we are not following sound principles that will restore confidence in the United States and in our determination to maintain a sound currency. I have felt ever since Mr. Nixon's first election that it was highly important for us to have a sound Secretary of the Treasury in whom, both domestically and internationally, there was great confidence. I suggested to him the name of Bill Martin, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Of course, Bill is so well known for his soundness but, unfortunately as far as I am concerned, the President decided to pick his first Secretary of the Treasury, which I think was unfortunate, and now follows with Mr. Shultz, which I again think is unfortunate.

The President inherited a horrible fiscal policy from Lyndon Johnson, with complete disregard for sound fiscal policies, and all of this, plus what previous Presidents had done, has placed this country in this unfortunate financial position. If we are going to protect the integrity of the United States, it is going to require some strong methods and the appointment of good people to carry out sound policies. This is my only hope, but unfortunately it does not seem to be a probability. If the President and the Republican Party are to accomplish anything of value for this country, I think they have got to take care of these problems.

Unfortunately, George, I feel very strongly on both the Watergate situation and the financial situation of the United States and I really see no evidence, particularly in the latest case, that the President is going to take the necessary steps to correct it. However, I hope that I am wrong in this.

Now as to the Republican Party--and I first want to apologize for my lengthy comments--I can only say that I have been a Republican all my life and expect to continue to the end. Obviously I am going to continue to help financially to the best of my ability, but I would want to delay making contributions until I could see whether or not the two instances to which I have referred were going to be handled in an intelligent way. Sorry to have caused you any inconvenience with the big job you have, but did want to explain it to you to the best of my ability. Maybe one of these days you will have a

Mr. George Bush

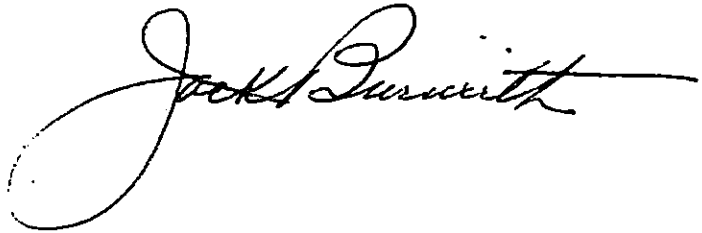
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chance to give the President the benefit of these views which I, of course, would be delighted to pass on to him myself, if he would care to give me the opportunity.

Thank you very much for writing me. Hope all goes well with you and also hope that I will have a chance to catch up with you one of these days. Good luck, and with best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jack Purvitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".



Republican
National
Committee.

Bierwirth, John
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Watergate

June 21, 1973

Mr. John E. Bierwirth
99 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Bierwirth:

Bucky Byers of the Finance Committee has told me of his phone conversation with you on Wednesday. Needless to say I was sorry indeed to learn of your feelings toward the Republican Party as it stands today. I assure you that I share your feelings of disgust regarding the Watergate and related scandals. I also share your concern about the inflation and balance of payments problem.

When I accepted the job as Chairman of the Republican National Committee I did so because I believed in the free enterprise system and the other basic principles for which the Republican Party has stood over the years. I accepted the challenge because I was convinced that there was a need to change certain of the policies and practices of the past.

The Republican Party as you and I have known it will survive, Mr. Bierwirth, but in order to make it the vibrant Party that we are going to need for next year's elections and the future, we are going to need the support of all of our friends. I was glad to learn from Bucky that you are not turned off to the extent of joining the Democrats and I really hope you will agree to continue to give us your support.

Sincerely,

Gay
George Bush

I saw Tach briefly a few months ago.

Life has been hectic, and, due to Watergate, most unpleasant - but this is a real challenge in all of this - Best -



**Republican
National
Finance
Committee.**

June 21, 1973

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mailed 6-25-73*

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FROM: Buckley M. Byers

RE: Mr. John E. Bierwirth
Chairman of the Board of
National Distillers and Chemical
Corporation

In making some routine follow-up calls in connection with the RN Associate program, I spoke on the phone yesterday morning with Mr. John E. Bierwirth. I had had contact with Mr. Bierwirth last summer and he and his associates were generous contributors last year.

Yesterday morning Mr. Bierwirth really let me know in no uncertain terms that in his opinion the scandals related to Watergate were directly affiliated with the Republican Party and the President.

He also mentioned that he had spent half an hour with the President last fall and that the President had tried to convince him that there really was no problem with inflation and the balance of payments. He blames this directly on Secretary Schulz.

After he had an opportunity to blow off steam I was able to reason with him about the need for the two-party system and a continuance of the basic principles of the Republican Party. He told me not to worry that he was not about to bolt to the Democrats but that he did not intend to support the Republican Party until the Watergate mess had been cleared up to his satisfaction.

In talking about you he had nothing but the greatest praise saying that he had known you since you had been very young inasmuch as he was a classmate of your father's. I thought a letter along the lines of the attached might be worthwhile.

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Bismarck, John
Watergate

May 17, 1973

Dear Jack:

What a warm and thoughtful letter you wrote us. These indeed have been trying times, but I have determined that the Party is not involved and I think this is a terribly important detail. Long after the un-faithful few of Watergate have paid the penalty and long after the many innocent people who had their names smeared have been cleared it will be remembered that the justice system works in this country, and that the Party goes on. Every place I go people ask me about Watergate. - the press conferences, the TV programs, etc., so life has been hectic.

Let's put it this way - without a challenge things would be really dull, though I'm not sure this much of a challenge is the answer to tranquil living.

I'm sorry that our only contact recently has been that hectic "hello" at the motel as you were rushing to the Hill. One of these days we'll get together and review the days at Hillhouse Avenue. Let's stay in touch and thanks again for a wonderfully thoughtful, kind, considerate letter. It meant an awful lot to Barbara and me.

Incidentally, Jack, for your records after June 1 our address will be 3161 Palisades Lane, N. W., 20016. The best phone number for me is office - 474-6700; residence - 484-6795.

Sincerely,

George Bush

GB/hc

May 8, 1973

Dear Bar and George:

I received your home address from Pres's office, which I thought was a better address to use.

We have all been reading the papers, seeing the statements made on television, and along with everybody else talking about very little but the problems that developed from people trying to get into luxury apartments the hard way.

Marion and I have the greatest sense of sympathy for you both, along with a feeling of respect for the job that we know you both are trying to accomplish these days. We sure wish you good luck and hope that the two of you can keep from wearing yourselves down, even though from what I have heard, the pace you both are setting is pretty strenuous.

All the Bierwirth's are in great shape and actively following careers in six different directions. Maybe sometime when you are up or we are down, we can get together and trade a few stories about the old days and get caught up on how all the children are doing.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. George H. W. Bush
4437 Cathedral Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Simons, Dolph
8
Watergate Tapes

July 24, 1973

Mr. Dolph C. Simons, Jr.
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Dolph:

I really liked that editorial you wrote.

I think the President is right in not providing the tapes to the Committee, but I strongly believe we need to get more information out in order to fully disclose everything about this Watergate mess and then lay it permanently to rest.

It was great hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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July 10, 1973

Mr. George Bush
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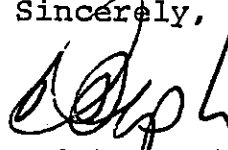
Dear George:

I thought you might like to see the enclosed editorial which appeared in our July 9th issue of the Journal-World.

I would imagine you are sick of the Watergate mess but I think the GOP is extremely fortunate to have you heading up the party--particularly at this sensitive time.

Come out and see us again some time.

Sincerely,



Dolph C. Simons, Jr.

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*1 Babes, Mrs Rachel
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Watergate*

May 15, 1973

Mrs. Rachel Babes
8 Franklin Place
Bronxville, New York

Dear Mrs. Babes:

Your postcard of May 3rd was appreciated.

We agree that it is dangerous for a country to lose its sense of morality, decency and integrity. I am not certain, however, that I understand how those three principles are upheld in your apparent willingness to condemn a man, the President, without any evidence.

I believe in the American system, in its criminal justice system and its ability to work in this country and in this affair. I want to see this entire matter cleaned up as much as you do. The system may take a little longer to work than we might desire, but that it will work is the key thing to remember.

In the meantime, I for one am not going to stand idly by and let this ugly mess obscure the many positive accomplishments of the President and the Party. That is something I cannot do in good conscience.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mrs. Rachel Oxb
8 Franklin Ave
Brooklyn, NY
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Republican National Headquarters
310-1st St SE
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

May 3, 1973

It is far more dangerous for
country to lose its sense of morality,
decency and integrity than to have
a President. Man is dispensable morals
and values are not. I think the damage
to the country (especially the young) can
only be remedied by a new decent
honest administration. A new election
(because Watergate nullified the first) & be
paid for out of the million, in the Tax on Funds
would be the best boost the country has
now. Bates

CORRESPONDENCE

MAY 10 1973

May 1, 1973

*Bailey, Mrs. Connie
of
Watergate
& letter to
Stafford, Hon. Rep!*

Mrs. Consuelo Northrop Bailey
Member for Vermont
1917 Spear Street
South Burlington, Vt. 05401

Dear Connie:

Thanks ever so much for following up with Bob Stafford. I appreciate your kind words. These are hectic times. This Watergate mess must be cleared up. It's bad for the party in one sense because it is we Republicans who have worked in the party who feel the most demoralized by it, but I am convinced it's not going to damage our party at the polls, provided it's cleaned up and cleaned up fully and promptly.

Thanks again for all your help.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 2, 1973

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Mrs. Consuelo Northrup Bailey
Republican National Committee
Strong Building
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Connie:

I have received your message with regard to spending and the President's veto of certain legislation.

As a Republican and one who strongly supported the re-election of President Nixon, I certainly will bend over backwards to support the President's policies wherever possible.

I do also support his proposition that total federal spending should be held within a ceiling of \$268 billion. At the same time, as an elected member of the Congress, it is my responsibility to arrive at my own decisions along with my colleagues as to how we believe funds should be appropriated within such ceiling for this is the Constitutional prerogative of the Congress.

It is my own belief, for instance, that we can afford to spend about \$600 million per year for handicapped citizens when experience shows us that for every dollar we spend, we will get \$5 in return through actual dollars earned by these citizens.

I am quite prepared to vote for comparable reductions in spending in other areas, such as public works and defense, to make up for any additional funds that I vote for which are not in the President's budget. While I do not favor cuts in defense, if we simply hold military spending at its current level, we will have more than four billion dollars to allocate to other needs.

I really do not believe we will have to resort to formalized gasoline rationing.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Stafford
United States Senator

RTS/mjp

*Dear George: You did better than
well on your recent T. V. appearance.
Wish Watergate were really out in the open! My best to you.
Connie*

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Bailey, J. S. S.
Watergate

June 4, 1973

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter of May 19. I have read it with interest, and I very much appreciate your taking the time to write.

I am distressed somewhat over your analysis of what I have been saying about the Watergate mess. I spoke out on this sordid and grubby affair even before I became National Chairman in January, and ever since then I have been spending several days a week on the road speaking out about it. Let me set the record straight on what I've been saying. I do not in any way condone the Watergate bugging or the subsequent handling of the affair. I have said repeatedly that those involved should be punished, and that if there is anyone who was involved in the matter at the Republican National Committee they would not remain here anymore. Nor would I knowingly hire anyone who was involved.

I stand firmly behind my statements that the Republican Party was not involved, the Republican National Committee was not involved, the Republican Senatorial and Congressional Campaign Committees were not involved, nor were the great majority of the employees at the Committee to Re-Elect the President. I further believe that the truth will come out and that the guilty will be punished and the innocent cleared.

I see no inconsistency between my conviction that the American system of criminal justice is working and your assertion that the investigative media got the ball rolling. I certainly credit the newspapers particularly for the excellent job they have done. But a strong free press is part of the system in this country, isn't it?

I do appreciate your writing, Mr. Bailey, and I hope I have dispelled any misconception you may have had on where I stand. I agree with you fully

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that what has happened is wrong, legally, morally, and ethically, But at the same time I feel deeply that the political system and the Republican Party must and will survive.

Warm regards.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mr. Judson Bailey, Editor
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May 19, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
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Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

I hope the gist of my letter will reach you, even if it is only coded. I have long ago given up the idea that anybody can write a letter to someone of eminence and expect him actually to see it.

As a lifelong Republican, weekly newspaper editor and observer of politics and government, I have awaited with curiosity to see how long it would take the Republican party publication "Monday" to acknowledge there ever had been a Watergate.

I had hoped, when it happened, the Republican party would have the decency to say it was morally wrong. If nothing else.

Finally, you have apparently ~~made~~ felt forced to make some comment and even yet you have not had the moxie to say it was wrong. What you say is that IF it happened, it wasn't done by Republicans. How naive do you expect us to be?

You credit the discovery of whatever happened to our "American system of criminal justice."

In my opinion you and Spiro Agnew had better start believing that newspapers, the Fourth Estate, ~~is~~ an effective force for GOOD in this country, more dependable than partisan machinery and government systems subject to corrupting influences at all levels.

If the Republican party is going to recover from this situation, or disclaim it, certainly it will have to be disclaimed on moral issues rather than saying Republicans didn't do it.

Sincerely,

Judson Bailey
Judson Bailey
Editor

Barone, Mrs. Tom
8
Watergate

June 25, 1973

Mrs. William D. Barone
One School Street
Winchester, Mass. 01890

Dear Cynthia:

Just a quick note to thank you for sending along that kind card with its comments about my work here. It has been a frustrating period of time, but we must not let Watergate get out of perspective. You seem to understand all of this.

Thanks so much for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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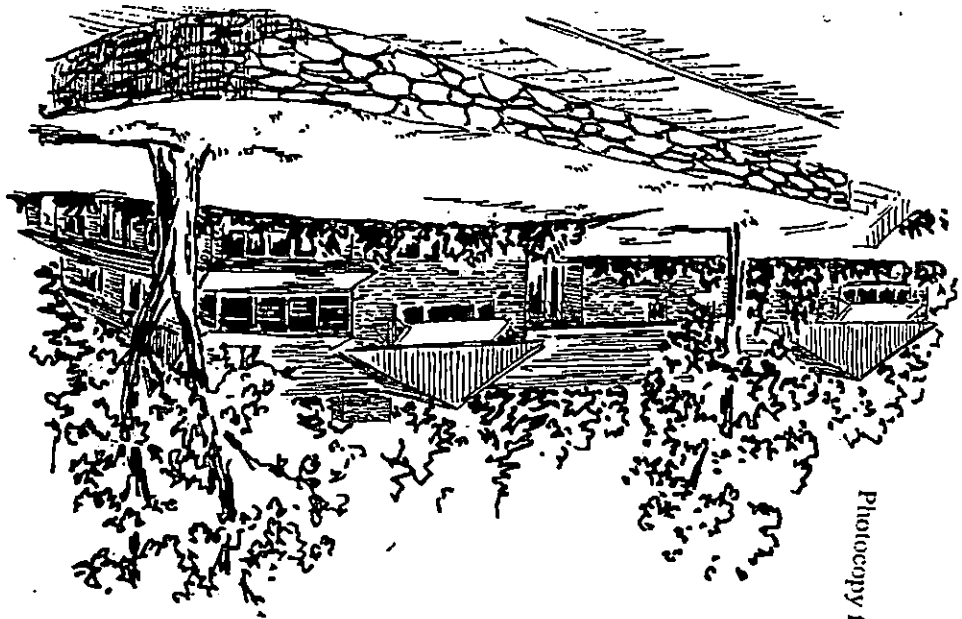
June 20, 1973

Dear Chairman Bush -

We have heard you on TV
I believe you are doing a great
service to all of us "grass roots
Republicans" with your Watergate
views. Nixon still has a
tremendous following and he
certainly is right to be proceeding
with ^{the} important business of our
Country.

In Time Magazine today I
noticed the picture of Julie and
the Liberty Bell and want you to
have this clipping. It was
my husband who dreamed up
the idea of giving Nixon the
Peace Award and it was a

One School Street - Winsted, Mass.



DESIGNED FOR THE BARONE BY HALLOCRRAFT (A207), RICHMOND, MASS.

thrilling evening. I only wish it had received more publicity because it showed that Massachusetts cares for Nippon even tho the state did not go for him. You will be interested in the clipping about that too.

My husband did not present the award as the article says, but he wrote the message which appeared in the program.

Best to you -

Cynthia L. Barone

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June 4, 1973

Barr Lewis S.
Watergate

Mr. Lewis S. Barr
One Boston Place
Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Mr. Barr:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 29. In an effort not to be argumentative, but to get the value of your constructive criticism I am sending you my cover letter on Watergate. I would appreciate very much your giving me your honest, reflective view on this. I am determined to speak out against Watergate and against its connotations. I've been doing this all over the country. It's against everything I believe in in politics; everything that prompted me to get out of business and try to serve my country has been offended by the connotations of Watergate. I think I've made this clear in literally tons of press conferences and national television programs across this country, but what I don't want to do is see Watergate totally obliterate the Republican Party. It's not going to do it, and life does go on successfully. Since this letter was written we've won a very impressive statewide victory in Pennsylvania. Citing these positive things doesn't mean that I am less concerned than you are about Watergate. I ask you now to please send me a constructive analysis of this letter. I darn sure think I can do my job better, but I need constructive criticism in order to do it better.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Att.

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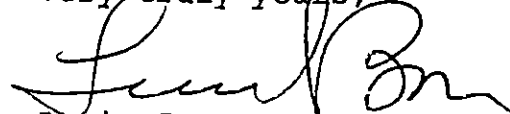
Mr. George Bush
Chairman, Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Now 32, I have been an ardent and active member of the Republican Party since I turned 21.

I was sickened to read the May 14th edition of MONDAY. If this type of toading propaganda is reflective of the Republican National Committee, I cannot see how you can claim to be offering independent leadership for our Party.

Very truly yours,



Lewis S. Barr, Esq.

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Enclosure

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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Barrett, Miss
8
Watergate & the
Texas papers

August 6, 1973

Miss Lula Barrett
906 W 23rd Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Miss Barrett:

Thank you for your good letter of the 12th. I appreciate your taking the time to write. I'm particularly interested in what the Texas papers are saying and appreciate your sending the clippings along.

The Watergate affair has developed into one of the most well publicized subjects in this country, and with it has come much rhetoric, hearsay, and innuendo, as your clippings point out. While in no way condoning what has happened with respect to the wrongdoings of individuals involved in Watergate, I have constantly tried to point out in my many public appearances the great number of positive things happening and the many accomplishments of this Administration. Enclosed are some of my statements. I have indeed received many letters from individuals such as yourself, expressing this same feeling.

It was good to hear from you, Miss Barrett, and I do appreciate hearing your views on this subject.

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Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Culinary, Texas 78705
July 12, 1973
CORRESPONDENCE
JUL 16 1973

Republican National Committee
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Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Sirs:
I am enclosing a few items from Texas newspapers
expressing the opinions of ordinary Texas citizens and
their editorial writers on the Watergate
affair.
There are one and a half with the hope
that you would find useful in an
effort to defeat the efforts of persons, political
and the activities of persons, "media" reporters
to gain power, to bring the power of President
Nixon in the mind of the American people.
I am sure that you will find this
information useful and to also, discuss this
information with your friends.

I find that other concerned citizens that
feel as I do, have made known to you
how important it is for the public to
be given news, TV and newspaper reports
by national organizations, and many national leaders
in all national organizations, to continue
in President Nixon and his ability to continue
to bring power to our nation despite the fact
that his side that he faced more national
in a project that more brilliant,
most sincerely,
(Merry) Ellen Powell

Editorials

Baiters Misquoting Nixon

The good men do is oft interred with their bones; their misquotes live after them — especially if they are presidents.

Latest person to misuse a supposed statement by Richard Nixon is political scientist James Barber of Duke University. In an interview with the editors of the Washington Monthly, he suggested that the President might try to create a new crisis to make people forget the current one over Watergate.

"Remember," said Barber, taking a rather long leap of logic, "Nixon invaded Cambodia right after the Senate rejected G. Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court. Remember, also, the President's statement, made just after his re-election, that

the average American is just like the child in the family." Nixon has often followed Dr. Spock's advice — the child is unhappy with one thing, get him something else."

Unfortunately for Barber, and others who have seized upon this particular Nixon quote, or half-quote, what the President said after comparing the average American to the child in the family was that all the average American wants is to stop being babied (by the government) and be given a chance to show what he can do on his own.

Unfortunately for the President, however, nobody ever remembers this part of the quote.

The President has enough problems as it is. It would be the decent thing if Nixon-baiters would at least stick to the facts.

Just a Reminder

Wallas news

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Washington Isn't the Country

By JIM WRIGHT

Assistant Editorial Director

IN AN INTERVIEW last week with Helen Thomas of UPI, Julie Nixon said that her dad briefly considered resigning his office recently, wondering whether it might take that to restore America's confidence.

That indicates, I think, one of the problems that we face in trying to have a government representative of the United States when the people who govern are forced to operate in Washington, D.C.

The media men, politicians and bureaucrats who contribute most to the climate of orthodox opinion in the District make it about as representative an American city as, say, Ulan Bator.

Washington is a liberal Democrats' city in which conservative Democrats are viewed as eccentrics and Republicans as transients. Its political tastes are trendy and oriented, naturally, toward anything that increases the size, complexity and payroll of the federal government.

COLUMNIST Russ Baker, hardly a conservative eccentric himself, once noted that Washingtonians who have left the cozy environs of the District to travel in the United States are greeted on their return with the question, "How are things in the country?" The rest of the nation's territory, apparently, is viewed as some sort of remote, exotic never-never land not unlike Tibet. Baker gave this as the reason for titling his book, "An American in Washington."

Perhaps the best indication of the degree to which Washington is out of step with the United States can be found in the voting results in the presidential race last year. The District gave



WRIGHT

George McGovern its favor by a margin of nearly 4 to 1. On the basis of that vote alone, it is clear that our national capital is not even representative of Massachusetts, home of Harvard, Hyannisport and the other McGovern electoral votes. The Bay State was the only other entity to give the nod to McGovern, but it did so by a margin of 1.3 million to 1.1 million.

THE ATYPICAL atmosphere of Washington would be merely a curiosity, however, if it were not for the fact that the government that runs the rest of the country has to operate there in its day-to-day routine.

The human is a social animal, affected by the attitudes and reactions of those around him. This is just about as true of presidents and senators as it is of the sophomore guinea pigs in psychology department experiments. Quite a few experiments have shown that individuals can remain exceedingly calm in the face of extreme danger and disaster if those around them show no alarm. On the other hand, when those around them react violently to an event, the subject is much more apt to overreact than he would have had he been alone.

In the same way, it's clear that the reaction of Washington to Watergate has seriously affected the reaction of its highest-ranking inhabitant and his staff. Washington and its denizens have been in an uproar about Watergate for more than a year.

IT HAS ALL the elements—leaks, gossip, hanky-panky involving well-known government figures—that Washingtonians love to chew over. The "presidential" newspapers that swing a big club in the capital have featured it constantly. Capital columnists have competed to see who can be the most indignant. Watergate has been called the beginning of the end of democracy, the worst scandal in history, a death blow to the Nixon administration, the signal for a collapse of public confidence and so on.

Yet the Gallup poll, which takes its

measurements over the entire nation—not just in the Washington hothouse—doesn't show any such thing.

The latest poll, taken after the John Dean charges were aired, shows that Americans have neither lost all faith in the system nor abandoned Nixon himself.

Remarkably enough, at about the time Nixon was near despair and considering resignation, the Gallup poll indicated that he would beat McGovern soundly right now; if the 1972 election were rerun. In the 2-party vote, the pollsters found voters still favor Nixon by a 53-47 edge, despite a year of capital hysteria over Watergate and weeks of televised hearings.

IN SHORT, after all the Watergate doomsinging in the capital, the supposedly discredited incumbent would still defeat the titular head of the opposition by about the same margin that FDR beat Willkie and Dewey and that Ike beat Stevenson in 1952. Compared with the performance of Harry Truman in 1948, JFK in 1960 and Nixon himself in 1968, the Nixon of 1973 would win in a landslide.

Such a win would not, to be sure, be in the same league as last November's triumph, but very few politicians would sneer at a 53-47 victory at the polls.

Watergate and the months of coverage focused upon it have undoubtedly hurt President Nixon's popularity. But the remarkable thing about all this is that after all the attacks, the incumbent's approval rating with the American people has apparently bottomed out at about 45 per cent. Not only is that nine points above the nadir of his predecessor's popularity—LBJ hit 36 in 1968—but it's only three points below his own first-term low—48 per cent in 1971. Before any president does anything rash, it might be well for him to remember that the city where he works and lives is not the country. Before he concludes that the country has given up on him, he might check to see whether in fact only the District of Columbia has given up on him.

Hounding a President to Death

By DICK WEST
Editorial Director

WE STOPPED for lunch recently at an Oak Cliff restaurant noted for its home cooking—turnip greens, butter-milk, hot cornbread, English peas, chicken-fried steak, squash, corn, East Texas sorghum and hot apple cobbler.

In a corner was a television set with the Watergate hearings.

We were more interested in the comments of those watching than in the hearings themselves. At that particular moment they were fascinated by John Dean's retentive memory.

"I can't remember where I was at a certain time last week," said an elderly gentleman who runs a little radio-TV repair shop in that vicinity. "But that young feller can tell you where he was at 2:30 in the afternoon two years ago—who he was with and what he said. He's either lying, a freak or a genius."

Declared another: "I don't even remember where I was Friday."

And another: "It don't make much difference to nobody, even me, where I was."

ABOUT this time an interrogating senator mentioned the Watergate cover-up and, of course, any possible role played by President Nixon.

There were a few minutes of silent apprehension, and an old-timer with a weather-beaten face commented:

"Nixon's gonna catch hell, you just watch. They're toyin' with him, like you do a trout. Lord a-mighty, will somebody tell me, please, why any man in his right mind would want to be president of this country—or any other big one? I'd rather sit on a creek bank."

Riding back to the office, I re-



WEST

called an interesting conversation with Warren Woodward of American Airlines, who worked on the staff of the late Lyndon B. Johnson for 20 years.

No doubt with Johnson in mind and therefore somewhat sympathetic with Nixon's predicament, Woody commented:

"There are several ways to get rid of a president or to cripple his ability to function effectively in office. One, in particular, is rarely mentioned: You can hound him to death."

Mr. Nixon may or may not be responsible for his current crisis, but one thing is certain: He's in for some hounding. The Democrats can be expected to hound, but Nixon's problem is compounded by some Republican hounding—for the most part, liberal Republican hounds who would rather see a Chuck Percy or a Nelson Rockefeller in the White House.

WHAT PRESIDENTS have suffered the worst hounding since the turn of this century? Four in particular come to mind.

You have to start with Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921) who successfully steered this country through World War I, then died with a broken heart when a group of senators led by Henry Cabot Lodge Sr. killed our participation in the League of Nations, his dream of a "peace-keeping structure" which would prevent future conflicts of global magnitude.

In a 3-week period in September of 1920, he made 37 speeches and covered 8,000 miles. On Sept. 25 at Pueblo, Colo., he said: "My clients are my children; my clients are the next generation. I intend to redeem my pledges to the children; that they shall not be sent . . . to (France)."

Even today—40 years later—the name of Herbert Hoover, a man of unquestioned integrity and compassion, is synonymous with a paralyzing depression which he could neither prevent nor correct.

His opponents created in the public mind an image of him as a hard-heart-

ed, ineffective reactionary who would do nothing in the face of catastrophe; even worse, they defeated his every effort to deal with the debacle.

He not only was hounded, he was smeared unscrupulously. He told his secretary on his last day in the White House: "We are at the end of our string. There is nothing more we can do."

The third president to receive a continuous hounding was the late Lyndon B. Johnson for his determination to pursue the Vietnam crisis to an honorable conclusion.

"This was the objective of President Kennedy," he explained later. "And as his successor, inheriting his program, I intend to carry it out."

What hurt him most were the street demonstrations and crimes by blacks for whom he had done so much. Finally, hounded to death, he announced on nationwide television on the night of March 31, 1968, that he would not seek reelection to an office he had sought so long.

UNTIL RECENTLY, Dick Nixon has fared pretty well considering the millions of bitter antagonists who have resented him since his inauspicious entry into public life nearly 30 years ago. But the antagonism has been simmering under the surface all the time; Watergate erupted it.

Mr. Nixon has 42 more months in office. To use Warren Woodward's phrase, can he "function effectively" after the Watergate hounding?

We would like to think that no antagonist could be so bitterly partisan as to want the chief executive of this country hounded to the point of helplessness. The most powerful office in the world needs more than an ineffectual adornment.

But fate can be cruel and destructive to a president. Wilson had his Versailles, Harding his Teapot Dome, Hoover the depression.

Watergate as of now is an ominous cloud. Mr. Nixon will have to disperse it, or face the risk of inundation.

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LETTERS

From Readers

Nixon's Credits Overwhelming

To The Dallas News:

I consider President Nixon the greatest president yet. No matter what his detractors say (and they seem to be coming out of the woodwork), they can't deny all the solid achievements to his credit.

A complete reversal of Chinese-American relations of many years standing, covering several administrations; detente with the U.S.S.R. with all its bilateral agreements (SALT, medical, technical, scientific, etc.); a turnabout of the Vietnam buildup concluded by the cessation of the Vietnam War with an accompanying pullout of all U.S. troops; return of our prisoners of war; abolishment of the draft; cessation of complete disorder and utter chaos in the streets and on the campuses throughout the country; and federal revenue sharing with the states and local governments.

In addition, he has forged a unique and personal relationship with the leader of the Kremlin based on mutual trust, friendship and, most importantly, benefits to both countries.

Most of these accomplishments were achieved in spite of a back-biting, self-serving, Nixon-hating news media and a Congress dominated by the Kennedys and Mondales, who were interested only in furthering themselves and opposing him on all questions.

It is really a shame that all of Nixon's enemies have ganged up to try to destroy the one man who has done so much for the country to give us peace and a great nation.

W. A. "BILL" BAILEY
Arlington, Va.

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LETTERS

From Readers

Hearing's Purpose: To Ruin Nixon

To The Dallas News

Sen. Sam Ervin, an arch conservative and an anti civil-rights leader, with visions of grandeur like sugar plums dancing in his head, is in there pitching for a leftist press trying to fan out the greatest president this country has had since Abraham Lincoln. No president in this century has done as much for the future of this country as has Richard Nixon.

A liberal press doesn't care how much it hurts the stock market, how much it hurts our image abroad, how much it destroys the faith of our people in our government, just so long as it can hurt Richard Nixon.

The enormity of the whole thing is not the crime that was committed but the millions being spent by the news media and the Senate committee trying to ruin Mr. Nixon.

Electronic surveillance, such as that practiced at Watergate, is not a violation of the law in any country but ours, and it was a procedure that was indulged in by all of Nixon's predecessors. The news media and a political-minded Senate committee are trying to make a national scandal out of it. Violation of the rules of evidence by the committee, the abridgement of the rights of the accused by the committee and the horrendous penalties assessed by John Sirica are beyond the comprehensions of Anglo-Saxon justice.

Our courts in the Billie Sol Estes case held that a trial broadcast by TV was an abridgement of the rights of the accused. In the Jack Ruby case our courts held that TV coverage would keep Jack Ruby from getting a fair trial in Dallas County.

The Senate committee is itself stretching its constitutional powers in the manner and in the purposes for which it is holding these hearings. The truth so sought for by Sen. Ervin was revealed to the committee before the witnesses were put on television.

ENOCH G. FLETCHER,
Grand Saline, Texas.

Quizzers Carried Away

By NICK THIMMESCH

WASHINGTON — The Senate Watergate investigation, while exhausting and soul-wrenching, is a necessary good. The republic should be able to survive even the John Dean testimony. But when the interrogators get out of hand, as some are showing signs of doing with increased frequency, it's time their hands get trapped, too.

Ostensibly, the purpose of this endless questioning is to gather information and wisdom to be used by the Congress to fashion new and better laws on how we operate our electoral process. Otherwise, that \$1 million being spent up there is another congressional waste.

No question that Sen. Sam Ervin, chairman of the committee, is full of himself these days. In his long frustrating but admirable campaign over the years to preserve the Constitution, he has never had such a forum or television exposure. This is his supreme moment. He loves it.

For the most part, Ervin has held his zeal for the Constitution in check, but last week he lost control. While questioning John

Dean, Ervin tried to wring out as much blood as he could from that sorry list the White House compiled of its enemies, one being Samuel M. Lambert, then executive secretary of the National Education Assn.

It would seem that Sen. Ervin should have been more concerned over the key issue of President Nixon's involvement in Watergate than taking over the foolish list for threats to the Constitution.

But no, Ervin pounced on the White House notation that Lambert "has taken us on vis-a-vis on federal aid to parochial schools, a 1972 issue."

In righteous indignation, Ervin championed Lambert as one whose only offense was believing in the first amendment and sharing "Thomas Jefferson's conviction as expressed in the Virginia statute for religious freedom that to compel a man to make contributions of money for the dissemination of religious opinions he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical."

Ervin interpreted the intent in the list as approval by Mr. Nixon of branding people as enemies whose mere offense was belief in enforcing the first amendment.

Now this is farfetched. True, the Nixon administration favored some form of federal aid to nonpublic schools, and that was and is a legitimate issue. In fact, the 1972 Democratic platform contained a plank reading, "The next Democratic administration should channel financial aid by a constitutional formula to children in nonpublic schools."

Does Sen. Ervin think the Democratic party was out to violate the first amendment with this plank?

Tsk, tsk, Senator, restrain those impulses to vent your passion for the Constitution, and try to stick to the tedious business at hand of Watergate.

And it doesn't help your credibility as a "fair" chairman to cut loose as you did later at a Democratic rally when you proclaimed that President Nixon is "the most repressive President in the history of the republic." If you feel that strongly, you should disqualify yourself as a committee chairman.

Sen. Frank R. Weicker (R-Conn.) is another committee member who couldn't hold back his feelings. He erupted into a tirade against the administration, and was even aggrieved that Leonard Garment, counsel to the president, who serves in a liaison role with the committee, phoned him for amplification of charges Weicker made. Tsk, tsk, Garment is supposed to make such calls, Senator. That's what the liaison business is all about.

And when Weicker blasted forth with his "partisan comment" (shouldn't committee comment be nonpartisan?), he might have sounded virtuous, but he certainly was out of order. "Republicans," Weicker cried, "do not cover up, do not threaten, do not commit illegal acts, and, God knows, don't view their fellow Americans as enemies to be harassed . . . but

look upon every American as a human being to be loved and won."

Hurrah for the Republicans, Sen. Weicker, but we must assume that Democrats feel the same way about their fellow men. Since when do you have a monopoly on virtue, and isn't it presumptive for you to claim it for Republicans this way?

Let's get back to the grimy chore of Watergate, Sens. Ervin and Weicker, and please be on notice that such crying into the night is as foolish and impetuous as some of the low stuff and dirty tricks pulled off by Mr. Nixon's Watergate gang.

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Uncommon Burglaries

What's American security worth, and how much did it have to do with Watergate?

Daniel Ellsberg, the Pentagon Papers thief, says the burglary of his psychiatrist's office by a group called "The Plumbers" came close to a common burglary by the White House. But both

Ellsberg's own



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thievery and that of "The Plumbers" may prove to have been uncommon if certain reports pan out. The Washington Post quotes unnamed sources as saying the top-secret Pentagon Papers were handed over to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. And former White House aide Egil Krogh swore before Ellsberg's trial judge that the FBI told him the Russians had the papers.

The Russians deny everything.

But Sen. Barry Goldwater, in a prepared Senate speech, said he thinks the distribution of the papers both to American newspapers and the Russians at the same time had "concerted motivation."

Goldwater was speaking in connection with his expressed concern that attempts are being made to downgrade national security because of President Nixon's declaration that "many of the actions in the Watergate affair were dictated by a concern for national security."

Goldwater thinks the formation of "The Plumbers" grew out of that concern—and now he points to a possible case of furnishing secrets to the enemy as justification, not of the burglary of the psychiatrist, but of action taken to defend American security against downright espionage.

If it is established that the Russians really got the Pentagon Papers, Nixon's reference to security in relation to Watergate may take on a perspective that could change our view of Watergate itself.

'Get the President'

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott says that the people who are "out to get President Nixon" have failed.

"I think he knows what they are attempting to do to him—the general 'get the President' process," he said. "It's not going to work."

No doubt most Americans outside Washington can see what "they are attempting to do to him." The "general 'get the President' process" has been on view for quite a few years now.

One veteran observer has noted that "it seems to be increasingly easy to destroy a president."

Certainly it seems to be increasingly fashionable to try. Ironies abound in this situation, for the liberal elitists who have played "get the President" during this administra-

tion and the Johnson administration are the same people who championed the all-powerful presidency for decades.

Apparently, however, they intend to sabotage the presidency whenever it is occupied by someone who, though elected by the people, does not live up to their own ideal of integrity, decisiveness and progressive enlightenment. Last summer they picked such an ideal, George McGovern, but the voters viewed both McGovern and his elitist supporters in action and decided to pass up both him and them. It appears to us that the voters were wise.

If the choice is between enduring a perpetual "get the President" process and suffering a McGovern as president, we'll pick choice number one every time.

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Watergate and South Padre Island

By DICK WEST
Editorial Director

SOUTH PADRE—While the guts of Watergate were being spilled on television, the natives and visitors on this island were catching and gutting fish—which is an indelicate way of saying that they simply didn't give a damn about the banal and bizarre case in Washington.

The reason, perhaps, involves the nature and atmosphere of this narrow island at the southern tip of Texas where American civilization merges with Mexico's: You come here, primarily, to get away from Watergates; the main "industry" on Padre is relaxing and forgetting.

"The whole mess up there is too involved," said one lady. "I have never, for instance, heard a single reference to Mrs. Watergate."

Her ignorance is not typical, but it's an indication of the desire down here to escape from reality and to concentrate on baking out your mental impurities under a searing sun.

WE DID EVOKE some frank and interesting comment, while strolling on the beach from vacationers "getting away" from the Midwest—specifically such places as Detroit, Columbus, Ohio, Kansas City, Emporia and St. Louis. Padre Island gets a lot of traffic from middle America.

Here is their appraisal of Watergate and its consequences:

1—It is a deliberate effort by "liberal" newsmen to smear President Nixon whom they have always detested.

2—The case has been blown out of proportion and is beginning to backfire;

the President, as a result, will benefit from a wave of sympathy unless evidence implicates Mr. Nixon directly.

3—Most politicians are crooks, and the Democrats who are trying "to get Nixon" have more than their share.

4—Why don't they concentrate on organized crime and the underworld syndicates in the big cities, instead of seizing on a two-bit burglary in which nobody stole anything?

5—There is a tremendous interest in John Connally. On an actual count, with those interviewed here, he defeated Spiro Agnew for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination 17 to 12 and Ted Kennedy, if the two face each other in the final showdown, 20 to 9.

DECLARED John DeMotte, of Detroit: "You newspaper boys are not fooling anybody on Watergate. I lived for a while in Washington, and I know how the liberal reporters feel. They are for people like McGovern and Kennedy and this whole Watergate affair is their effort to force conservatives out of power and replace them with some nut who feels like they do."

"If Ted Kennedy were in the White House now, and a similar burglary had been pulled by his cronies, you would have read a story of not more than 200 words on the back page—and that would be the end of it."

"But these journalistic creeps have been waiting a long time to ruin Dick Nixon because Nixon way back there exposed their lover-boy, Alger Hiss. And when he did it, he exposed and set back the whole liberal movement in Washington."

"I saw the liberal news media ruin Lyndon Johnson, just because they thought he was a tool of the big rich in Texas. It didn't make sense, because he passed more liberal legislation than any other president. But he was never a part of their strange clique. And, brother, it is strange."

If Dick Nixon decides some day

to write a book on his political career, he could well entitle the last chapter, "I Was Snakebit." His erratic ascent to the political peak has been plagued by strange spells of adversity.

As soon as the late Dwight Eisenhower picked him as his running mate, a financial question was discovered in Nixon's past and he was forced to get on television with an explanation.

He was just beginning to master his job of vice-president and making plans to get over the country so he could establish bases for a presidential race when he had to stop and attend to routine chores in the White House while Ike recovered from a heart attack.

In 1960 he was nosed out by the late Jack Kennedy in a race for president—a contest which even today some observers say was stolen from him.

In 1962 he was overwhelmingly defeated for governor of California by Pat Brown, and Nixon bowed out of politics with a scathing attack on the press.

He finally got a break in 1964 when the Republican party committed suicide with Goldwater and turned back to Nixon—mainly because there was nobody else to turn to.

In 1968, regarded as a cinch over Hubert Humphrey, Nixon almost lost at the last minute. His administration has been strikingly efficient and productive: We are out of Vietnam, the crime rate is in check, employment is at an all-time high and for the first time since 1947 we are not in a cussing match with the Russians.

Suddenly—Watergate.

THERE ARE THOSE who say Connally was a fool to join the Republican party just as the Watergate stink was beginning to smell.

Don't discount him. He thinks out everything in advance.

"Politically," said a close friend of his, "he's like a cat. Throw him anywhere and he'll land on his feet. Nixon seems to attract troubles. Connally repels them."



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Barrus, Hon George Alvan
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May 25, 1973

The Honorable George Alvan Barrus
House of Representatives
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Representative Barrus:

Your letter to the Republican National Finance Committee has been brought to my attention. I appreciate your writing -- and am sympathetic.

I've enclosed some recent RNC statements on the Watergate affair for your perusal. Let it suffice to say here we were not involved in that sordid mess, do not condone it, and are using all our resources to build the Party and elect GOP candidates to office. We need your help and support -- financial or otherwise -- and I'll do my level best to merit it.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

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State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

April 28, 1973

Repub. Nat. Finance Com.

Dear Friend:

Haven't sent you any large contributions, income being below the poverty level; - Salary in New Hampshire Legislature, \$100.00 per year.

Would be inclined to do a little more for the Party if I could count on a little more honesty among those who handle the money!

So would my friends.

sincerely,

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George Alvan Barrus
2nd Sullivan District.

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August 16, 1973

Mrs. Leo Baumfelder
Rebekah Baines Johnson Center
Apartment 1001
21 Waller Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Baumfelder:

Every once-in-awhile I will receive a letter at National Headquarters which gives me a degree of inspiration and encouragement. Certainly your letter of August 7th falls within that category.

I note you did read my article in the Austin AMERICAN STATESMAN. Enclosed is other material which I believe you may also find of interest.

I must add that the cost of the television broadcasting of the Senate Watergate Committee is not at the cost of the American taxpayer. However, the time spent by the Senators on the Investigating Committee and their aides is, of course, paid for by the taxpayer.

Respectfully yours,

George Bush

Enclosures

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Post
Austin, August the 7th

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Dear Mr. Bush,

I allow myself to address you this way as I feel that I have known you for many years following your political career.

Yesterday in the "Austin American Statesman" I read your article and I am among of my friends also think that this, watergate account about stop. It is disgrace if our beautiful country here in all over the world.

Who is paying for months of the TV? And all the men watching their time?

Stopping it all will come to an end soon, I am

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Republican National Chairman
Mr. George Bush
Washington D. C.

Baumgardner, Apt. 1001

Rebekah Barnes Johnson Center
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Bausum, David
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May 22, 1973

Mr. David Bausum
55 Trumbull South
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Dear Mr. Bausum:

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me. I hope you will forgive the delay in my reply, but we have received so much mail here and are trying to answer it as soon as possible.

For a long time now, I have been speaking out, loudly and clearly, calling for the entire Watergate affair to be cleaned up in its entirety and for the truth. Our country has a fine criminal justice system which I firmly believe will work in this matter. The guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated.

Let me only say I will continue my strong support for all efforts directed towards getting at the truth.

Because of the tardiness of my reply, it is possible that your feelings may have changed. I wanted, however, to give you my assurance that we are working very hard here to continue to build a strong, decent, honest Republican Party. Hopefully you will feel those efforts will merit your confidence.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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April 30

CORRESPONDENCE

MAY 4 1973

Dear Sir;

President Nixon has just accepted full responsibility for the Watergate affair. But he has told us nothing we did not already know. I urge the Republican Committee to exert what influence you have over Nixon & over congressmen to find out what really went on and who were responsible. You can count on loss of my support & my families in the future if those responsible are not brought to trial.

Sincerely

David Bannum

55 Trembuck St.

New Haven, Conn

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Beach Mrs J. E.
Watergate
Comm. articles

October 23, 1973

Mrs. J. E. Beach
925 Woodland Drive
Glenview, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Beach:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 9.
I regret the delay in replying, but our mail has
been extremely heavy.

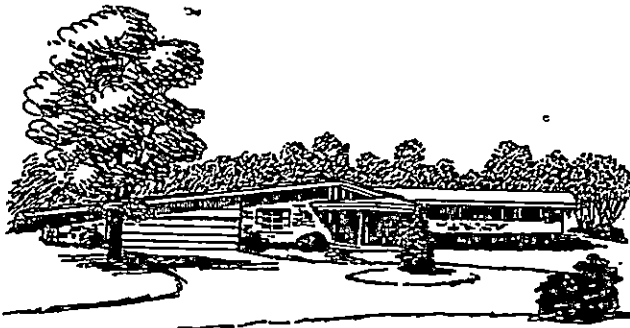
I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending along
the clippings and having your views.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Oct. 9, 1973

925 WOODLAND DRIVE, GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee
Washington D.C.
Dear Mr. Bush,

I am enclosing two more articles about the members of the Watergate Committee. You no doubt have all this information. But I have a copy of your "CHAIRMAN BUSH CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES THAT KEY WATERGATE COMMITTEE AIDS ORDERED SURVEILLANCE AND SPYING ON REPUBLICANS IN 1960."

I read this with great glee. I am so glad you have this information on these people. But will you be able to use it against them? In these clippings it really tells about Senator Ervin, Herman Talmadge, Daniel K Inouye and Joseph M. Montoya. Quite a quartet it says.

How can you get this to the American people without getting yourself in trouble to let them know what kind of men are pointing their finger at our President, Vice President and other men? I am crushed for our President and Vice President. I am hoping this will be like a family tragedy. When someone in a family is in trouble the family rallies around. They are not going to have one of THEIR OWN harmed. I hope this will be the same with the Republicans. I hope we will be STRONGER than ever. We have gone through the fire and should come out SOLID GOLD. I only hope you can bring out about these men but how can you when they are on the Watergate Committee? You can't do it until this Watergate is finished, if then. But SURELY RIGHT WILL WIN OUT. There is a just GOD and HE surely will see that these men are not ruined/. (Our President and Vice President.)

In the case of Ted Kenedy there was a person killed and yet NO INVESTIGATION of that. I live near the Kenedy House in Palm Beach in the winter where I have a home. There are so many things that could be brought out about this family. How the Senators could pat Ted on the back after the tragedy and say "Ted you are where you belong." The Senate, next to the Supreme Court in our country, to say that and approve of Ted Kenedy. Why wasn't the Scuba Diver who brought up Mary Joe's body ask about the blood on her white blouse in the back, sleeve, and front of her blouse? The Dr. who said blood might come from a person's nose when drown was paid off perhaps to say that. For the amount of blood that was on Mary Jo's blouse could not have come from her nose. Mary Jo's family moved into a new home on the coast of New Jersey last year in June when I was in N.J. He must have told the family don't have antonpsy to prove your daughter was a virgin and I will give you all the money you need to live the rest of your life.

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What did they have to lose? Their daughter was gone so they took the suggestion and demanded that the autopsy not be made. Also what about the fact that Ted's own boat he had raced the day before came to the dock in the night and took him to the other side and he never touched the water? He had 10 lawyers and 10 script writers at the Kennedy compound for a week to make up the lies he told to the American people on T.V. If you have not read the book "TEDDY BARE" you should read it. You can only get copies in Palm Beach at the "American Opinion Book Store" at 107 N. County Road, Palm Beach, Fla. 33480.

I took copies of it with me to Africa, and to the South Seas and gave some away over there. I have given 23 copies away and passed my copy to many to read. Why are the Republicans afraid to bring anything out on the Democrats? If Ted Kenedy tries to run for President and the Republicans do not demand an investigation I think they deserve to be over run by the Democrats. I will be disgusted with them.

Rose Kenedy had as her escort any Ambassador who was in Palm Beach for the Benefit Balls while she had a husband sitting in a wheeled chair in the home near me in P.B. with a nurse and his niece taking care of him. Rose never went near him. If any other woman would do that they would have it all over the papers. She is lorded to the sky as such a wonderful mother and person. Before Jack and Bob were killed she went to the P.B. house for Xmas but she stayed in one wing of the house and Joe was in another and they never saw each other. After the two boys died she never went back to the house. She stayed at the Tower's Hotel when in P.B. There is a just God and people get punished for wrong doing. Joe smuggled liquor in under the guise of night during prohibition and took the revenue away from the Mafia. This has a story all its own. He made a deal with the Irish and Scotch liquor people in Ireland and Scotland to take all the liquor they would give him during that time and also that as long as a Kennedy lives by that name the Kennedys will get a % of every cent of liquor that is shipped into this country. The Kennedys lost 3 sons, a daughter and had a daughter who is handicapped. Also Joe was struck dumb and could ever speak a word after his stroke. It is said that Joe and Rose's father, Honey Fitzgerald, ran a most plush RED LIGHT DISTRICT IN BOSTON WHEN YOUNG MEN. England threw Joe out as Ambassador when he went over there he was so terrible. There is a just GOD and this is why that family has been punished in so many ways. Joe also ruined so many people in the Stock Market and that is where he got his money to own the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. You can't be mean to other people and not be punished. So if Ted tries to be President of our country and all this is not brought out the Republicans are stupid. They deserve to lose. I am not sure where to send this so hope you get it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J.E. Beach

The Watergate skeletons

By HENRY J. TAYLOR

With the Senate Watergate investigating committee reconvened, skeletons pop out of the closets. They snap their bony fingers first and foremost at the presiding Buddha, no less than Chairman Sam J. ("I'm just a country lawyer") Ervin Jr. himself.

My respected colleague Kevin P. Phillips points out that Senator Ervin represented a paying client before the Supreme Court while in the Senate, the first time ever for a sitting senator.

May I add that Senator Ervin also sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee has directly to do with the Supreme Court. In fact, it confirms the Supreme Court justices.

The Darlington Company, a North Carolina textile manufacturer, lost a case before the National Labor Relations Board, a U.S. government body. It appealed the case to the Supreme Court — in the person of Senator Ervin.

Opposing counsel Thomas Harris states: "We thought Senator Ervin's activities improper."

In a 1972 book ("The Superlawyers") author Joseph Goulden compares Senator Ervin to discredited ex-Sen. Edward Long of Missouri on a conflict-

of-interest basis.

Senator Ervin lost the case. The Supreme Court cast a jaundiced eye on this sitting senator and his paying client.

Senator Ervin then vindictively ordered the National Labor Relations Board before his committee in chastisement.

Three additional senators, Herman E. Talmadge, Daniel K. Inouye and Joseph M. Montoya — constitute the rest of the Democratic side of Senator Ervin's investigating committee. And, like a ghost bent on midnight wanderings, a skeleton also rattles out of every single one of their closets.

Senator Talmadge is the only sitting senator who was a governor through unlawful manipulations.

The Georgia state legislature chose him governor in an illegal vote. He defied the courts. He seized the governor's mansion. He ordered the Georgia State Police to use force to keep him in the governor's chair. He ordered its troopers to keep out Gov. Ellis Arnall.

Senator Talmadge's bullying, strong-arm methods, however, did not prevail. His plans folded under him like a dying camel. The Georgia Supreme Court threw him out of the governor's office

after 63 days.

Senator Inouye's skeleton flies in from Hawaii.

He is the only sitting senator accused of racist campaign tactics by the other senator (Hiram L. Fong) from his own state.

Senator Fong is a distinguished Chinese-American. He castigates Senator Inouye for "inconscionably, deliberately inciting the state's Japanese-Americans against me" in the 1970 election.

In fact, outraged Senator Fong refused to permit Senator Inouye to participate in his Senate swearing-in ceremony in January, 1971.

Senator Montoya? The eerie sound you hear is his skeleton soaring in from New Mexico.

New Mexico Secretary of State Lucille de Baca officially accuses Senator Montoya of secretly using a conglomerate of Washington, D.C., money-raising committees in the 1970 election to "launder" \$100,000 of labor and other special-interest contributions without reporting or acknowledging the money in New Mexico.

Senator Montoya, taking advantage of a two-year records requirement there, replies that his 1970 campaign treasurer destroyed the money records.

It's quite a quartet.

Moreover, countless people ask where these great sanctimonious-sounding Watergate investigators were in the Senate investigation of Lyndon Johnson protege Bobby Baker.

President Johnson subsequently wrote in his book: "Bobby Baker could have ruined me." Well, Senators Ervin, Talmadge, Inouye and Montoya — the entire quartet — were all in the Senate.

The Senate held seven roll-call votes on whether to investigate this Johnson protege. Senators Ervin, Talmadge, Inouye and Montoya all voted all seven times against any investigation of Bobby Baker.

Nobody can conceivably condone either the Watergate findings or Bobby Baker. But how holy can holier-than-thou get? No wonder millions smell something fishy about sanctimonious-sounding Senators Ervin, Talmadge, Inouye and Montoya.

The hypocrisy of the Watergate committee is utterly appalling. Nor do the three Republican minority senators, except Edward J. Gurney of Florida, apparently recognize the requirement to put some balance into the stacked committee.

Reconvened, hypocrisy's ugly face is what we are seeing.

State GOP Unscathed by Watergate

BY REMER TYSON
Free Press Politics Writer

MACKINAC ISLAND — The Watergate era has been good for the Michigan Republican Party.

"I'm dum-founded," said Genesee County chairman James Holbel, one of about 800 local Republican leaders attending a biennial state GOP conference here Saturday. "But Watergate has not hurt us a cent."

"I don't understand the phenomenon," declared state Re-

publican chairman William McLaughlin.

"I keep thinking that it has to hurt us," McLaughlin said. "I think a lot of people have dug in their heels (for the party)."

"WHATEVER IS happening, either in spite or because of the Watergate scandals, it is evident that Michigan Republicans are drawing more support from financiers and the Michigan public than they were two years ago.

Sen. Robert P. Griffin of

Michigan, the assistant Senate Republican leader, told Republicans at a breakfast meeting Saturday: "Watergate pales in significance if people don't have heat in their homes, or jobs because factories don't have oil, or gasoline for their cars."

And National GOP chairman George Bush, here for the weekend meeting, explained what he sees as a Republican resurgence throughout the country: "Our position is that of a centrist party. The Demo-

cratic Party has a much more far-out position."

Mrs. Ranny Rieker of Midland, Michigan Republican National Committeewoman, said of the state party: "It's not half bad. There's a lot of circling of the wagons."

NEARLY A THIRD more Republicans showed up for this year's leadership conference than in 1971. The conference is held every two years to rally the party faithful and to prepare for the coming year's elections.

DETROIT FREE PRESS Sunday, Sept. 16, '73

Money is rolling in to help pay off a party debt that had risen to \$750,000 two years ago. The debt has been whacked nearly in half and McLaughlin predicts it will be paid off by the end of the year. Money also is pouring in for the 1974 state campaigns.

TWO YEARS AGO the state party was deeply divided. Conservative Robert Huber had split off to form a new party.

But Huber got elected to Congress last fall as a Republican, and he is here plugging party unity.



McLaughlin

*Bell, Charles H.
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April 24, 1973

Mr. Charles H. Bell
General Mills, Inc.
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

Dear Charlie:

Good hearing from you again.

I have had several visits with the President on the subject of Watergate. I know he wants to see this matter cleared up, and I know one of the most difficult things one can do is investigate his own administration. But it must be and will be done.

It is imperative that the criminal justice system in this country work. I for one have publicly denounced Watergate on behalf of the President. As strongly as I feel about the damage Watergate has caused the political system, I don't want it to obscure the more positive accomplishments of the Administration.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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CHARLES H. BELL

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April 19, 1973

Mr. George Bush
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Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Poppy:

Having traveled in the last month through California and Colorado I find it is fairly obvious that the people in this country are deeply disturbed not so much about the actual bugging of the Democratic headquarters but by the fact that the whole situation hasn't been cleared up and cleared up cleanly and quickly.

There is no question in my mind that a tremendous number of people are questioning the confidence which they had in President Nixon and questioning their loyalty to a party that would permit such a thing to happen and not take the proper steps to disassociate themselves from it no matter what the consequences.

I have found myself increasingly sharing this viewpoint to the degree that I wrote the President a letter. Unfortunately, one always suspects that he is screened by his staff from getting outside viewpoints. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy for your information with the hope that you may have some influence in getting this mess straightened out.

It has indeed been an awfully long time since I have seen you and your family. It goes back to the Midland, Texas, days, but I have followed your career with tremendous interest and of course continually hear about you from Herbie and Mary Walker.

Kindest regards,

Charlie

CHB:bbm
Enclosure

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April 17, 1973

The President
c/o Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, I have personally been an enthusiastic supporter of yours ever since I first met you at the Millers National Federation convention in Chicago in May of 1952. I have also been a lifelong Republican. At the moment I find that even I am having some doubts and concerns with respect to my party as a result of the most unfortunate Watergate affair.

Because this whole situation has been allowed to continue over so many months and has not been cleared up, I find as I travel throughout the country that it is reflecting most unfavorably against both the party and your good self. With all the difficult problems that you are forced to deal with in these troubled times, the support of the country is certainly very vital. For this reason it is doubly disturbing to hear the criticism in all walks of life to the effect that this messy situation has not been dealt with firmly and candidly by your associates.

In the interest of your self, of the party, and of the country I would urge you if at all possible to resolve this matter once and for all and quickly, no matter what the consequences to any individual might be. If it is not resolved and if the Congress continues its investigations, which obviously are producing lies and inaccurate information, it can only make matters worse and be harmful to all concerned.

Sincerely,

CHB:bbm

Benson Archie
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Sen Ervin, Sen Sam
NBC - CBS - ABC

August 1, 1973

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your note requesting the addresses of the three major networks, and for sharing your letter to Senator Ervin with me.

The addresses are as follows:

American Broadcasting Company (ABC)
1330 Avenue of Americas
New York, New York 10019

Columbia Broadcasting Company (CBS)
51 West 52nd St.
New York, New York 10019

National Broadcasting Company (NBC)
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

Thank you again for sharing your views with me.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Archie E. Benson
322 Yellowstone Ave.
Miles City, Montana 59301

GB/dr

Dear Mr. Bush:

Archie E. Benson
322 Yellowstone Avenue
Miss City, Mont. 59301

Hope this may take some of
his enthusiasm off and make
(Ervun)
him think a bit —
Would you do me a big favor?
I need the names & addresses of the
3 T-V Networks so I can write
to them. Be sure to rush as much as possible

July 29th 1973

Hon. Sam Ervin
 Senator, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ervin: It was a very great pleasure today to listen to you on Face of the Nation program. A time when you were not acting as the Chairman of the Committee on Watergate. It gave folks a chance more to size you up and your capabilities etc.

You seemed to be a very sincere man and at the same time, one of the unchangeable type... set in your views, and glorifying in your role as Chairman of the Great Watergate case on national television every day for months....Undoubtedly the one man in the World having the most time on television ever. But dear Senator Ervin...I do think you are making a mistake...unbelievable, but I think true.

Rule # 1 of life: Every knock is a boost. As proven by the fabulous election result of last November. For months after Watergate, scores of Democratic speakers hammered away at terrible Mr. Nixon...with no let up until election day. After the devastating defeat suffered by them...remember what they said? "We thought that the public would ~~wake~~ ~~respond to the~~ ~~care~~ and would vote accordingly, but we were mistaken." After that severe lesson...they are at it again...not having learned their lesson yet. In all sincerity and candor, Mr. Ervin, I believe that each and every day, that Watergate goes on, it is losing votes for the Democrats, and changing votes over to the Republicans.

Rule # 2 of life: Folks will glorify you today and crucify you tomorrow. Today, you are being glorified....with folks starting to realize that all this Watergate amounts to, is a Democratic campaign, thru the use of the old worn-out rag of a Watergate, wherein certain defeated candidates would seek to get even, plus put certain formidable candidates out of the running for the next election. In doing so, that of continuing Watergate, you begin to read in the press and hear over the T-V and Radio all over about Chappaquiddick. It is most unfortunate, for Mr. Kennedy is a smart, alert man, who can speak off the cuff on any occasion. But these good church folks, as in criminal cases, seek to rehabilitate criminals, rather than punish them. Consider the convict in for life for murder, who only a couple of days ago, he goes ahead and kills two more people. (Church people oppose capital punishment...even for such people as the Mansons in California, butchers, who invaded homes and slaughtered the inhabitants without mercy.) It's nuts...but true.

Rule # 3 of Life: People do not like reformers. Our town here has had open prostitution for the 60 years I've been here, plus gambling. The church people try every so often to close up the red-light...with a multitude of women opposing the closing, saying that it "Protects their daughters". The police officials catch a criminal right in the act, and there are always those who claim "He didnt know what he was doing, was incompetent, and he was such a good man, had children and whatnot, and they give the criminal a light sentence of a year or two, and that's it. I personally asked the Sheriff one time, if they kept the criminals in prison very long...and what did he say? "Hell, No! I am lucky if they dont beat me back to my home town."

This morning on T-V, you mentioned that this Watergate hearing was merely an investigation...which in some ways might be true, but in fact, it is a trial with the great American public, the jury. A trial that the world says, is the most unfair, unjust, and unworthy trial since it is all hearsay, with the defendants being without any rights of defense at all...and that no court in the whole civilized world would tolerate the like of which it is. Defendants being crucified daily in fear of their lives. And people are no fools.... and dear Mr. Ervin...they're going to remember all that, fair or unfair as it all may be. And unfortunately for you....You are the chief Judge in said unfair trial. In all sincerity do I mention it. Many folks believe that your first duty is patriotism to your great country...with your ardent democratic leaning last. Forgive me if I tell you what they s:

Another thing, too. This Watergate Trial, in which you preside, seeks to impeach President Nixon. Then after said impeaching, the Senate would be the jurors in said impeachment trial...With the devastatingly defeated Senate Candidates and their Senate friends voting for the impeachment. Defeated Mr. McGovern and defeated Shriver, bro.-in-law Sen. Kennedy

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Dear Senator Ervin: If I could suggest something, it would be this: That the Democratic party engage in some worthwhile endeavor, such as Law and Order and Justice; Cut out the reforming, such as Watergate, and engage in something noble and worthy of the talents of such a fine group of men such as you are a part of.

- I think the first step in such a campaign would be to insist and insist that our national schools and colleges carry on a campaign of Law and Order, this being in view of the terrible condition of things where folks such as those in Philadelphia are afraid to go out on the public streets at night, afraid of their lives if they do.

- Next I would have the schools teach a policy of cooperation with the police and authorities wherein they would not be too finicky about informing or tipping off the police to crimes in the making or those taking place. I think it is a false moral issue to not tip off about a criminal and appear as a squealler etc. The schools should teach full cooperation in support of the law....especially those laws of violence, robbery and murder etc. The Democratic party would win unbounded praise and ~~unbounded~~ applaud from the general public and voters...which is wanted for election. Not so much hot air as in Watergate...more real worthy action in promotion of peace and Good-will.

Watergate has worn on everyone's nerves so badly, that everyone is hoping, praying, wishing that it would get to hell off the air and out of the press media; and the paid columnist, Mr. Stewart Alsop, for Newsweek magazine... a very skilled writer, but yet a paid writer of the views held by his magazine Newsweek...so I don't think that the News media of the nation should congregate, and form a union, all with the sole purpose of electing the President and other officials of the United States. That election effort should be by the people of the United States...and not by the select few of vast wealth, who by buying and controlling the press, t-V's, Radio etc select and elect their candidates to office.

In the matter of Watergate, everyone I have talked to, seem to think that Watergate has done more damage to our government and nation than any single matter in recent history. If the same amount of energy could be given to controlling the high cost of living, and all current problems, it would work wonders for all of us.

Every time one turns on the radio, for news, which the public have been customarily trained to expect, all they get is "Watergate...Watergate...Watergate...morning, noon, and night day in and day out...and it forms a daily, most unforgivable, frustrating experience when you can't get the general daily news...and all one gets is more Watergate...that infernal infamous Watergate...and can't even get the daily T-V dramas and variety shows and educational features. This facet is being shown in the daily reports of the press and other media nearly every day now....and believe me, dear Mr. Ervin, it is becoming a haunting aversion to expect news and recreation and to get Watergate, that infernal, unending story for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening and night.

One little aggressive program of intense effort towards Law and Order...to insure public safety, would get more votes for the Democrats than a thousand Watergate vote-losing campaigns. One reads in the paper now, where a 23-year old girl is taken from her family tent, ~~and~~ kidnapped, and disappears to her probable doom; another, a 13-year old and her two younger one, a brother and sister, are all run down by a lunatic driver, the unconscious girl taken to a field and probably molested, and dead when found. With the papers reciting cases where a woman is raped in broad daylight on the street, in front of everyone...and the gang getting away. Then you have that story back, I believe, in Chicago, where a young woman who had been held in custody for several hours, raped repeatedly, was released and went to the police and reported the killing of her young male companion, and nothing done...no action taken to investigate until a man was found dead at the site of where she was held, then investigation revealed her story as completely true in every detail. To me....it reveals why large ~~city~~ cities get by with very small increases in crime as per their crime reports. They are not reporting all crimes, for it might hurt their official records...And that feature should be taken up by the U. S. Senate and House and an official investigation made of it....with the end to be Public protection of the public and the dismissal of ineffective police officials. Well, dear Mr. Ervin...I know what a task you have, but everything else to the contrary, I sincerely believe that you and your committee are making the mistake of your lives... and one which will become more painful every day of your lives in the future. Please write

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*Bennett, John &
Watergate
Hollers, Hardy to
Gavin, San Sam*

September 6, 1973

Mr. John Bennett, Jr.
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430 Saledad Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for sending along Mr. Hardy Hollers' letter.

With the difficulty of getting press attention here, I would strongly urge that Mr. Hollers release his letter to the press in Texas. We are having good luck getting reasonable views, such as Mr. Hollers, presented locally. I find the New York Times and Washington Post to be a little bit unobjective - the under-statement of the year.

It was good hearing from you again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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STANDARD TRUST COMPANY
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Dear George:

An extremely good letter.

I think you can get
permission to print it
you want it.

John

From the desk of . . .
J. M. BENNETT, JR.

HARDY HOLLERS
WILLIAM R. TRAVIS

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July 31, 1973

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20525

Dear Senator:

As a lawyer who has been in the active practice of the law for many years and as one who claims some knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, I am not only amazed but shocked at the manner in which your Committee has conducted the Watergate hearings.

Your Committee is not sitting as a Court, but an investigating body and as such should demonstrate the highest integrity in fairness and justness. On the contrary, you have assumed the role of judge, jury and executioner. While I do not for a moment condone the activities of a few self-appointed hatchet men who burglarized the Democratic Headquarters, their wrongs are small indeed in comparison with the wrongs being perpetrated by you and members of your Committee.

While you claim to observe the principles of the Constitution, you have in effect disregarded its basic concepts.

Smarting from a defeat at the polls at the last Presidential election, you and your Democratic colleagues in the U. S. Senate have set about to destroy Richard M. Nixon, the man, and by the same token you are destroying the integrity of the Presidency.

You set the stage for this malicious purpose by:

1. Surrounding yourself with a radical press and correspondents who are still rankling with bitterness, because Richard M. Nixon as a member of Congress uncloaked their darling, Alger Hiss.

2. You have carried on a Roman holiday by the use of innuendo hearsay and rumors spread by self-confessed criminals.
3. You spread this poison out to the American people and the world at large by the use of so-called testimony that would not have been admitted by Judge Roy Bean, "Law West of the Pecos", in his Court.

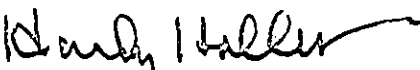
Your Committee in its deliberation should first have read Mr. Justice Jackson's opening statement to the International Military Tribunal at Nurnberg, Germany in the prosecution of the German warlords who had murdered millions. He said:

"We must never forget that the record on which we judge these defendants today is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow. To pass these defendants a poisoned chalice is to put it to our own lips as well. We must summon such detachment and intellectual integrity to our task that this trial will commend itself to posterity as fulfilling humanity's aspirations to do justice."

In your vindictive attempt to destroy the President, you have gravely wounded the office he holds. You and your Committee have not shown the intellectual integrity in your deliberations so as to commend you as fulfilling an aspiration to do justice. You have in effect put the poisoned chalice to your own lips which history will record tomorrow.

I am reminded of a quotation which I think apropos: "When small men begin to cast long shadows, it is a sure sign that the sun is setting."

Yours truly,


Hardy Hollers

HH: dsg

cc: Senators Howard H. Baker, Jr.,
Herman E. Talmadge,
Daniel K. Inouye
Joseph M. Montoya,
Edward J. Gurney, and
Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

*Benson, Henry
8 Watergate*

April 24, 1973

Mr. Henry Benson
3443 - 42 West
Seattle, Wash. 98199

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your thought provoking letter concerning the Watergate incident and the U. S. Supreme Court. It is always nice to hear from a 90 year-old.

I recognize that some people may be trying to blow the Watergate incident out of proportion, but at the same time I think that the connotations of Watergate are very serious, and I think they degrade our political system. I don't believe that politics is a grubby business. I personally gave up a successful business life and a very interesting career in diplomacy to get re-involved in the political process, and incidents of this nature - no matter on what side they occur - downgrade the political process. These incidents go on on both sides - to a degree, but I'd like to lend a hand in making politics a cleaner business. I'm sure you agree.

As to the Supreme Court, there is no way that President Nixon can overrule the Court's school prayer decision. Under the United States Constitution, the President has no authority over the Court; however, the President can appoint Justices of the Supreme Court, with the advice and consent of the Senate, when vacancies occur on the Court. As you know, Justices are appointed for life.

Thank you again for a good letter, and please feel free to write to express yourself on matters of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Covering all areas

in the United States.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The writer is near the age of 90 and want to express a point about this Watergate sicily act as thou it means so much to the party as Mr. Goldwater says in the morning Christian Science Monitor he is off his rocker: like so many other minds he is trying to mix an eronious idea with the TRUTH. If it was so important that the pary had to have this so-called all important information and edge a person into there meeting.

Now to accuse our present President with action that took place since he now has proved a new discovery for the law of PRINCIPLE for the people of the United States. Up to now he has not divided this law that has been the reason for winning four wars during my time. I wrote President Nixon sometime ago that he should act to over rule the United Statez Supreme Court that you can't teach in the Public Schools religion. In other words we have no right to give credit to the source that we get our breath from. Personally I do not belong to any religious body and never had since I became of age to do as morals guide me. Since this so-called rule went into effect our citizens to a large extent has slipped away from this beloved America idea. We only have to go back a little with the history of the United States and exploe what the other pary has done to this nation.

Who was our Commander in chief during the wars of yesterday they had individual control then if you want to be mean about it spell out their history, its of record and an awfull lot of acts was absoluey senseless. Why Pearl Harbor mystery, I listened with my wifo sitting in the car before the beginning and heard the words coming from the State Departmen all the hell words at the meeting with our now National neighbor.

Yes Mr. Goldwater and all people in the United States we will have a good Nation as long we abide by that simple law of PRINCIPLE, but you can't prove there is such a law by our courts today. We have rules but hot permanent laws. Most of our so-called laws came from Englad and they are supposed to be permanant but the real question are they good.

Sincerely yours

Henry T. Pearson

Benson, Irving E.
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Watergate

May 15, 1973

Mr. Irving E. R. Benson
19804 Iron Gate Court
Highland Lakes
Northville, Michigan 48167

Dear Mr. Benson:

Your letter to the Republican National Finance Committee concerning the Watergate incident and day care has been brought to my attention. I am most appreciative of having the benefit of your views.

Believe me, the sordid, grubby Watergate affair has caused me deep personal concern. In this business, like all others, there are a few who believe the laws of the land and of good taste do not apply to them - but they are very, very few and they are in no way typical of the many honorable men and women of both parties who have chosen politics as their means of service to their country and her people.

I don't believe that politics is a grubby business. I personally gave up a successful business life and a very interesting career in diplomacy to get reinvented in the political process, and incidents of this nature - no matter on what side they occur - downgrade the political process.

The entire case of the Watergate incident is now in the hands of our criminal justice system, which I am confident will clear the matter up. On March 21, the President said that he got new information on the case, and on April 30, he promised the American people that all guilty parties would be brought to justice no matter who is involved. I, myself, believe the President was ill-served by these men who allegedly have participated in some kind of a cover-up. They have violated a high trust.

As to your concern about aid to working mothers being cut, please know that the program is still in effect. Families with incomes up to 150% of state poverty levels get free day care, and families with incomes of 150% to 233% will pay for day care on a sliding scale. Also, working mothers can deduct day care expenses from their income tax.

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To answer your inquiry concerning the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee and the Republican National Committee, the Republican Congressional Committee assists incumbent Republicans and Republican candidates in races for the House of Representatives; whereas the Republican National Committee uses its funds to maintain a permanent national headquarters, to promote party unity across the nation, to strengthen the Party, and to provide a means of communicating information to Party members. Be assured that we avoid duplication of effort with the Congressional Committee.

In closing, let me say that the Republican National Committee was in no way involved in the Watergate incident. There is no indication that any funds raised through the RNC or the Republican National Finance Committee were misused. Keep in mind that the RNC and the Committee for the Re-election of the President are two separate entities. All our efforts are geared to building the Party and electing Republican candidates. I would be pleased if you would support our Sustaining Membership Program. I'll do my level best to merit your confidence and support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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AMERICAN NOTES

An Embarrassment of Riches

One tongue-in-cheek explanation offered last fall for the bugging of the Democratic Party's Watergate headquarters was that the Committee for the Re-Election of the President had so much money that it had to dream up harebrained schemes to spend it. New evidence suggests that the thought was not altogether absurd. Nixon's finance committee reported last week that it had finished the campaign with an unprecedented \$3.5 million surplus. Apparently, nobody could figure out how to use up the \$50 million that had been collected. The question now becomes: How much imagination will the Republicans show in disposing of their surplus? In the interest of fair play, they might consider giving it to the Democrats to help them overcome a national party debt of \$4.3 million. Well, it was just a thought. They also might dole out the money as a solatium to all those Republican Congressmen who lost in the last election—some, no doubt, because the Nixon juggernaut had gathered up almost all the Republican funds in their areas. Best yet, they could take part of the \$3.5 million to study ways of improving the financing of U.S. elections.

By Robert H. ...

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April 5th, 1973

Republican National Finance Committee
Washington, D. C.
George Bush, Chairman:

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

APR 9 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

As a life-long supporter of the Republican Party, and during the 1973 campaign a contributor to the fund for the Re-election of the President and also to Senator Bob Griffin's campaign as well as local legislators, I feel that I have done my part, even though I am a retiree, 70 years of age, and trying to get by on a modest pension.

However, of late I have been dis-illusioned on several occasions, and I am beginning to wonder if my support has been well-placed. I am referring to the Watergate case, the implications of the ITT cases, of which there are several, and to the editorial item from TIME magazine, enclosed.

I sincerely believe, as do an increasing number of top-ranking Republicans in Congress, that something must be done to 'clear the air' and to let the chips fall where they may. If James McCord's statements are mere hearsay, as Administration spokesmen infer, then let those men that he accuses come out in the open and say so, or else make him prove what he is saying. There is too much 'beating around the bush' and the longer it continues, the worse off the Republican posture will be.

I also feel it is a grave mistake to deny aid to working mothers, who must place their children in Day Care Centers while they earn a living. They are not on ADC but are wage earners.

I want some answers on these questions before I contribute any more money to either the Republican Congressional Committee or the National Committee. Incidentally, isn't there an overlap?

Sincerely,


Irving E. R. Benson

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June 26, 1973

Mr. Reid K. Beveridge
208 West State Street
Williamsburg, Iowa 52361

Dear Reid:

Please pardon my delay in answering your good letter of June 11. I can tell that your letter was written from the heart. It came through loud and clear.

I hope you can imagine the disgust that I feel about Watergate. I hope that you know it offends every conviction that I have about public service.

I do differ with you as to "blame" for the President. I couldn't agree more about the "oozing out of the truth", but I don't blame the President for this. I accept at face value the statement that I'm attaching.

It seems understandable to me that if indeed people tried to keep an ugly cover-up from the President it could be done.

I do agree that the more information that gets out the better - no matter where it ends up. We must have full disclosure and we must do what we can to restore integrity in government. I, too, am concerned about the effect that Watergate may have on other races, but I have a basic conviction, Reid, that the voters are fair and that they will not take out on innocent officeholders or officeseekers their frustrations about Watergate. They never have in any scandal in history.

You, I am sure, remember Sharpsburg in Texas. I remember many Republicans thought, "Ah, this will wipe out the Democrats", but it didn't work that way as you know although those who broke the law or violated the trust were taken care of at the polls.

Out of this ugliness of Watergate will come a more open White House, a stronger Cabinet, better relations with Congress, and the indisputable manifestation of the fact that we have a unique and strong system - one that can purge itself at high levels of government and move on with the stability unequaled any place in the world.

I will continue to speak out about the connotations of Watergate and I will continue to do what I can to see that we have full disclosure.

It has been no fun to walk back into politics from the U. N. and be deluged with Watergate, but - in a way - herein lies the challenge of the job for out of all of this can emerge a stronger Republican Party. Thanks so much for writing from the heart as you did.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Hon. George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
Washington

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Dear George:

I am prompted to write this letter by something that happened at our local Kiwanis meeting last Thursday. I happened to be sitting with a somewhat mixed group that included a lawyer, the school superintendent, several businessmen and a couple farmers. As it has in a number of groups I have been in recently, the subject of Watergate came up. I should tell you at the outset that not only in this group at the Kiwanis club, but ALSO in most other groups of men lately, a very high awareness of most if not all of the facts surrounding Watergate is evidenced.

But the point of this message is to relate to you that most of these men, all of whom are either nominal or strong Republicans--including one former state representative--are disgusted with the President's handling of his scandal. Not only are they disgusted, they are scared to death that we may lose control of the state and local governments come next election because the stench and odium will reach all the way from the White House to the courthouse, as they say in Texas.

The vast majority of people around here don't believe the President when he says he didn't have anything to do with the coverup. They think no one could be so isolated as to allow Haldeman, Ehrlichmann et al to accomplish so wide-ranging a coverup that would fool him for nine months. Or, if they did, that the President was almost criminally negligent in supervising his own staff. But what brings the President in for the most criticism hereabouts is his method of letting the whole thing leak out a dribble at a time, backing and filling all the way, and still defending Haldeman and Ehrlichmann of all things. They want to know why he doesn't make a clean breast of the whole thing; fire all those who are involved even in the slightest way and

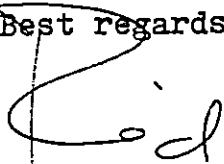
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then try to get on with the nation's business. By letting the facts leak out one-a-day through the Ervin committee, the courts, prosecutor Cox, the Washington Post and whatnot, he is guaranteeing that the American public will be transfixed by the spectacle for the next six months. If he would reveal himself the facts, at least the public might think him an honest man, albeit misused or naive, but honest. Right now they aren't sure he isn't a power-mad meglomaniac who is more interesting in preserving his power in office than he is in either governmental honesty or obedience to the law as any of us would define it.

I write all this with considerable sadness. Although I have never been a big fan of Richard Nixon's, I am a Republican who supports the Republican majorities in Iowa County and in Iowa. I am fully aware that you are--or were--a far bigger fan of the President's than I ever was. My concern is therefore not so much with the President himself--he has shown excellent ability to take care of himself in good times and bad--but with the Republican party here in Iowa. We are not a one-party state anymore, far from it. There is every indication that we could lose the governorship and the legislature next year if things aren't righted. Use whatever I have been able to relate to you the best way you can. I hope someone, or a combined someones, have the influence to make the President see that he is not pursuing the right course of action.

Best regards,



Reid K. Beveridge

October 16, 1973

*Bierwagen, Amos
& Cinatigate
To Sen Ervin*

Mr. Amos Bierwagen
41322 Collegian Way
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Bierwagen:

Thank you very much for your letter and the copy of your interesting and comprehensive letter to Senator Ervin.

I am confident our system is strong enough to withstand the current difficulties and to purge itself of its shortcomings.

Your suggestions along these lines are appreciated and thank you for your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bierwagen
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Hemet, California 92343

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14 Sept 73

Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee
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Dear Sir:

Isn't it about time that the Republican Party started a vigorous counter-attack against the effects of Watergate + the Senate Hearings.

Those hearings have shown that, as far as the President + his two top aids are concerned, the scandal was mostly a media and legislative smear campaign.

I am enclosing a letter to Senator Ervin that contains my reaction to those hearings. Some of these have never been stated publicly by anyone and I think they deserve to be heard. I don't expect Senator Ervin or anyone else on the Senate Committee to voice my thoughts but I think the leadership of the Republican Party should express some of them soon.

Sincerely
Arnold Bierwagen

The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I have been watching the televised proceedings of your committee hearings from the time of their inception up to the time of their recess, with the exception of possibly a total of three hours of time lost due to a variety of interruptions. As I think about these hearings my misgivings grow daily.

I've had some training in the fact finding process and must say that the manner in which your hearings are being conducted violates all basic concepts, as I understand them, for conducting a fact finding inquiry.

Presumably your purpose is to ascertain certain facts necessary to develop certain legislative objectives. These objectives have never been clearly defined. To say that you want to find out what happened so that you can pass laws that will prevent a future recurrence is not enough. You certainly can't pass a law saying that it is unlawful to have another Watergate. It seems to me that you could and should have certain specific, clearly defined, legislative objectives to which the inquiry should address itself and stay away from matters that do not relate directly to these objectives. I'd like to name and discuss a few possible subjects that your committee should consider but which you have never mentioned in terms of objectives.

1. Automatic impeachment action against any member of Congress who even attempts to make a political issue of a foreign war in which this country is engaged. This may seem far fetched in relation to the Watergate break-in but there is a direct and vital connection with the conduct of a number of legislators between 1967 and 1972 and the general atmosphere that existed in the nation. Shortly after Congress passed, and the President signed into law, several special appropriations bills which had all the legal force and authority of a formal declaration of war, as far as the nation and the executive branch of the government is concerned, a number of legislators, especially senators, began a campaign of legislative interference in and obstruction of the effective conduct of the war in violation of laws some of them had voted for. These activities resulted in the formulation of a number of false and misleading cliches such as "it's an illegal, unconstitutional, immoral, and the President's war." These treacherous activities at a time when national unity should have been paramount, served only to divide the nation and give aid and comfort to the enemy and encourage him to continue his aggression. They eventually culminated in the war becoming a major political issue. The antiwar movement of the late sixties and the early seventies must go down in history as the

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crime of the century because of the impact it had on our national attitudes. The congressional leadership of the antiwar movement encouraged criminal activities and attitudes of a great variety all the way from the theft and publication of the Pentagon Papers, destroying draft records, and burning draft cards, down to general disorder and contempt for law enforcement and military agencies and personnel. They also encouraged a permissive attitude on the part of judges and juries that still exists. Watergate resulted from defense against this lawlessness as your investigation shows and was due to the existing permissive attitude. After all, had it not been for the antiwar movement in this country, the Vietnam war could have been brought to an end in 1968, after the defeat of the "tet" offensive, by occupying the demilitarized zone, destroying the enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia and cutting the Ho Chi Min trail in Southern Laos. Baring that, the war most surely should have been terminated in 1970 by simply staying in Laos and Cambodia until our allies had developed the capability to defend their own borders. The only reason that the war did not end soon after one or the other of the two above mentioned episodes has to be lack of congressional support. One thing that Watergate has proved is that people's attitudes are strangely influenced by the attitudes of their congressional leaders.

2. Another subject that should be considered as a legislative objective by your committee is the abuse of first amendment rights by legislators and the press. Abuses of these rights are as intolerable as violations. The constitution of the United States in no way gives the news media the right or power to act as a watchdog over government. It does not give the news media the right to spy and pry into confidential matters pertaining to government or for that matter, into those of groups and individuals in the private sector. It does not give the news media and legislators or anyone else the right to publicly accuse anyone or any group and hold them guilty of wrong doing until they prove their innocence without ever presenting a shred of factual, positive evidence against the accused. The constitution does not give anyone, not even legislators, the right to make false and irresponsible statements such as claims that the war in South East Asia was "undeclared," "illegal," "unconstitutional" or "the president's war" after the congress repeatedly provided the legal authority to wage war by passage of appropriations bills. It does not give any senator the right to make a stupid public statement that the Watergate affair was a greater national crisis than the Civil War when there is no evidence that it was planned or directed by anyone in a top position in the administration or even in the party in power, no one except possibly Senator McGovern profited by it in any way and it served only as a vehicle for opponents of the president both in and out of government to create a national scandal and attempt to discredit the

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administration. After the administration successes in the foreign field and the great economic boom that produced more jobs, less unemployment and higher take home pay for American workers than ever, what else could the president's opponents do? The constitution does not give any individual or group the right to interfere with the functions of government or conduct of orderly gatherings in the private sector.

The Watergate hearings have clearly shown that all of these abuses of constitutional rights were and still are occurring. The press continues to publish matters that are false and often prejudicial to those involved in a judicial process. This is usually done by quoting unnamed, confidential sources that the media seeks to protect legally in violation of the principal of equal protection under the law. At the same time the press and many legislators and some members of the judiciary want to deny the President of the United States the right to maintain the confidentiality of conversations between himself and his aides. While recognizing the existence of executive privilege they want to be able to tell the chief executive what matters should or should not be subject to the exercise of executive privilege. This attitude completely destroys the concept of executive privilege. If the executive lacks the authority to decide when to invoke executive privilege, he has no privilege. The only time that invocation of executive privilege can be properly challenged is if there is unquestionable evidence that the executive himself is guilty of wrongdoing. No such evidence exists in the Watergate affair. I am making these statements because I consider them to be logical conclusions that should apply since the application of this matter lacks definition.

This brings up the subject of the President's tapes. These tapes have been the source of more stupid criticism than anyone can imagine considering that much of this criticism comes from people who are supposed to be above average in intelligence. In the first place there is nothing wrong with recording any two (or more) way conversations by anyone, openly or surreptitiously. In this case it not only was desirable but should continue provided that the confidentiality of the recordings is not violated. A recording is nothing but an inert object until it is used. Only when used can a recording serve to violate the rights of those who participated in its making. Any recording used in an adversary proceeding against the will of anyone participating in its making will serve to violate that person's right of authorship and may serve to violate the fourth and fifth amendment rights of those whose voices have been recorded.

It seems ironic that those who are loudest in their criticism of the President for making these recordings are also the most anxious to use these products of twentieth century witchcraft

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either to prove the President's innocence, which he should not have to do, or incriminate others, whose voices then would have the effect of a fifth amendment violation. I consider this a sound conclusion because the author of a sound recording, even if he does not retain possession of the recording itself, does retain a proprietary interest in the recording of his voice or other sound. This is recognized by the constitution and existing copywrite laws.

3. This brings me to another subject of legislative concern that has been mentioned by the committee. This is the matter of campaign financing. With the exception of restrictions on the handling of large amounts of cash the present laws and proposals don't make much sense. A candidate's ability to obtain financial backing is one fair measure of his popularity. Any candidate who can't get adequate financial backing simply lacks the necessary popular support to be a viable candidate and should forget it. Limiting the amounts of individual contributions merely serves to inhibit a candidate's ability to reach a proper level of financing. Financing campaigns from tax revenues would result in taxpayers financing campaigns of candidates they do not support and could result in financing of candidates who are not qualified to run. This matter could be resolved by use of a simple procedure. Each candidate should be required to open a special checking account or as many accounts as may be considered necessary in a national election. The voting public should be given the name, address and account number of each account and should be advised to send all campaign contributions direct to the appropriate bank and account for deposit. The bank should be required by law to render a monthly statement showing an opening balance, a one line entry of total monthly receipts, detailed entries of expenditures and a closing balance. Banks should be prohibited from disclosing the names of contributors or amounts contributed to anyone, especially the candidate, except government auditors. Contributions should not be tax deductible. There should be no limit in the amount of an individual contribution. Labor organizations should be prohibited from engaging in politics as such.

So much for legislative objectives. I would like to make a few remarks about the conduct of these hearings. As already pointed out, the hearings do not conform to basic procedures that apply to a fact finding inquiry. The most basic approach to this type of inquiry is that the investigator asks questions aimed at specific topics in a civil manner, then sits back, shuts up and listens. There is no room for pompousness, arrogance, a finger shaking "do you mean to tell me" attitude, trickery such as trying to put words in a witness's mouth or getting him to incriminate himself or someone else, or philosophizing and telling cute little anecdotes calculated to belittle or embarrass a witness, in a well ordered fact finding inquiry. The emphasis that has been placed on the determina-

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tion of guilt or innocence by your committee makes of these hearings a criminal investigation and a violation of Article III, section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

If this were indeed a fact finding inquiry to accomplish certain legislative objectives you would have no need for the Presidential tapes. You've heard enough witnesses to tell you all you need to know about 1972; you would not limit your inquiry to the 1972 election but would consider abuses that occurred in other elections such as vote fraud charges made regarding the 1960 elections, bugging, espionage, sabotage and vote fraud charges made regarding the 1964 elections and the sabotage of the Chicago convention in 1968. If rumors that I have heard are only half true, election abuses that occurred in 1964, if exposed, would make 1972 look like a Sunday school picnic. Why are these and other activities being "covered up?" Why don't the American people get the whole story of the Bobby Baker case, or how Lyndon Johnson acquired his radio and TV station or the Chappaquitick affair? If you are so anxious to get at the truth why not get all the truth out? The truth of these matters certainly is just as pertinent to the achievement of legislative objectives as the investigation of an attempted burglary, a crime that is being duplicated in Southern California at the rate of more than 60 per minute. It seems to me that it is far more important to look into election irregularities that took place in 1960, 1964 & 1968 than to pry into the contents of the President's tapes, because past election activities contributed materially to the events that occurred in 1972. The attitude that "what's good for the Democrats is good for the Republicans" had a lot to do with the events of the 1972 campaign, and was born of past abuses.

Now I would like to discuss a number of incidents that took place during the hearings that to my mind are acts of misconduct on the part of certain committee members including yourself. Your attitude toward the President and some of his aides shows a degree of bias and pre-judgment that has no place in a fact finding inquiry. Some of your remarks in reference to the Presidential tapes were completely out of line considering that you have yet to relate the review of those tapes by your committee to the achievement of any legislative objective. Your attitude toward executive privilege appears to be in direct contrast to that displayed by you in the Bobby Baker case. Some of your bombastic and sanctimonious remarks show that you are a past master at the art of "shoveling smoke" and offers a clue to reasons for the slow pace of legislative activity by congress. Your grandstanding for the benefit of the audience was revolting. The browbeating tactics used when questioning witnesses such as Mr. Stans and Mr. Moore were uncalled for, unprincipled and repulsive particularly when they dealt with irrelevant

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matters and were obviously intended to discredit the witness. Deliberate attempts to impute wrongdoing to some of the witnesses by deliberate distortion of their words and actions also showed bias and prejudgment that should not be tolerated in such a hearing. For example the interpretation of the words "good" and "great" by Mr. Haldeman on a memo regarding planned disorders to have some sinister meaning when they obviously referred to the quality of the information that was presented can only have been the product of a twisted mind. The remark "What a liar," with no real basis for it, should have disqualified the maker of this remark from further participation in the hearings regardless of his past. The sweeping under the rug of testimony that should be further developed like the statement allegedly made that "we are after the President" and the relating of the "Enemies List" to President Johnson's "Anathema List" shows a lack of interest in any facts that tend to be favorable to the President and his aides. Other actions show a tendency to capitalize on every possible statement or action if it served to discredit either the President or members of the White House staff. Mr. Strahan's statement that he was told to "Make sure our files are clean" was twisted out of all proportion. It seems clear to me that if Mr. Haldeman had known of anything about the planned break-in, or had been aware of any information regarding it, being in the White House files, he would have given more specific instructions. As it turned out, the paper that was destroyed contained no factual evidences of planned bugging.

The most incredible performance of the committee was in relation to the testimony given by Mr. Gray when he blamed his action of destroying top secret documents taken from Mr. Hunt's safe on Mr. Dean and Mr. Erlichman. Such an excuse might be acceptable under normal circumstances but is totally unacceptable from someone having a security clearance to handle top secret documents. In discussing this matter I have to make several assumptions in order to lay a proper foundation for my conclusions. My experience was with the Army. Army regulations on this subject are based on public laws so that it is fair to assume that the Army regulations with which I am familiar apply to all government agencies. Based on this assumption, Mr. Gray had to have a top secret security clearance. So does every member of your committee. Every person having such a clearance is required by law to read the regulations governing the safeguarding of classified information every six months and sign a statement to the effect that he has done this and understands them. To not do this is in itself a violation of the law. Had Mr. Gray complied with the law he could never have done what he did and could never have offered the excuse that he did. If the members of your committee had complied with the law they could never have accepted Mr. Gray's excuse. Yet I heard a member of your committee, on a special TV appearance, pass the blame for Mr. Gray's actions to Mr. Dean and Mr. Erlichman. Compliance with the law would have caused

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Mr. Gray to realize the moment that he saw the top secret documents that a possible compromise had taken place and that certain action was mandatory under the circumstances. Had he been given direct orders to destroy the documents he would also have realized that certain procedures are mandatory to do this, and he should have followed them. This would have included getting destruction authority from the appropriate Security Control Officer and documenting and witnessing the destruction. Mr. Gray was never told to dispose of those documents in an illegal manner. Destroying classified documents is not illegal. The manner in which they are destroyed can be. Turning those documents over to Mr. Gray under the circumstances was undeniably a logical and proper action.

Another committee action that I consider deplorable was the attempt to equate the raising of money for and payment of lawyer's fees with the payment of blackmail or hush money. At the going rate of lawyer's fees the \$400,000 that was raised does not appear excessive for that purpose. I for one would rather see campaign funds used for that purpose under the circumstances than have taxpayers pay for the services of public defenders.

Another contemptible committee action was the inference of wrong doing on the part of Mr. Haldeman because he didn't steal some Presidential tapes, for the committee, while he was reviewing them.

The attempts to equate the issuing of orders to conduct an investigation with orders to commit burglary in the Elsborg affair is another contemptible action on the part of the committee.

A number of incidents occurred during the hearings that I feel are highlights and worthy of comment.

John Dean climaxed a lengthy statement, based on his recollection and news reports, with charges involving the President. Under the circumstances, this was to be expected. What was dramatic about this performance was that up to that time he was quite composed in behavior and appearance but when he began to read his charges against the President he lost much of his composure and perspiration began to dampen his forehead to a point that at one time during that part of his testimony it was literally rolling off his face. This phenomenon occurred only to John Dean and no other witness, and only at that one point in his testimony. I can't believe that those beads of perspiration were generated by a clear conscience.

Senator Gurney's questioning of Mr. Dean clearly established that John Dean told the President nothing of substance until 21

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March, 1973 about the break in or cover up. Since John Dean was the primary source of information for the White House and the President it becomes obvious that John Dean's testimony is self contradictory. He says the President knew but he didn't tell him. So how could the President have known when Dean didn't tell him and only Dean knew all about what was going on? Thank God for men in congress like Senator Gurney. He's the only Senator on the committee that seems to understand the difference between a criminal investigation and a fact finding inquiry.

The closing testimonial statement by John Erlichmann has received no attention in the news media and went almost unnoticed at the time of its presentation to the committee. In my opinion this was the most eloquent bit of political rhetoric to come out of these hearings and the only statement made that was scholarly enough to warrant perpetuation.

Mr. Haldeman's conduct as a witness was admirable to say the least. The climax of his testimony came when an irresponsible and unwarranted attack was made by a committee member on the White House staff in general. Mr. Haldeman's quick defense of his people, his ability to deliver a sharp, well deserved tongue lashing, and his immediate apology for becoming justifiably angry showed him to be the kind of a man who deserves much better than he is getting from the committee, the news media and many people of the United States.

Henry Peterson's rebuke of the congress for its interference in the functions of the judiciary by causing the appointment of a special prosecutor and activating this committee was also a well deserved reprimand. When one puts all of these things together one can't help but come to the conclusion that more harm has come to the nation and to many of its citizens by clumsy, unethical and improper attempts to cure the ills of Watergate than by the ills themselves. This includes the actions taken by the congress as well as the news media. The one man most to be admired in this whole sorry mess, is none other than Richard Nixon, our President.

Sincerely,


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Biondi, Raffaele F.
Watergate

October 1, 1973

Mr. Raffaele F. Biondi
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Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Mr. Biondi:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 18. I note with interest your comments concerning the Watergate issue and that you are concerned that Republicans have not responded as often and as forcefully as possible in behalf of the President.

Your interpretations are not correct, but I do agree with you that with the seemingly overwhelming prejudiced press and media, it is difficult to find or hear the voice of a Republican. You can rest assured that Republicans are there and standing firmly behind the President.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing statements I have made recently on this subject. Thank you for taking the time to write us, Mr. Biondi.

Yours very truly,

George Bush


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September 18, 1973

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Mr. George Bush, Chairman
National Republican Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

In a modest way, I have supported the Party for many years, in a financial way and with dialogue. I want to continue that support as long as our National Politics remain as they are. I am not fearful of Watergate. I'm merely sorry that the news media and the Democratic Party are keeping us on the ropes with little response from us.

However, my continued support needs to be conditioned on the Party supporting President Nixon, the man, Mr. Nixon was my choice. I think he has been good for our country and has lots more to give of himself. I am not pleased with the Party's attempt to isolate the President.

In general, I have little regard for the Congress. Their wisdom is not noticeable as a body. It failed to support the League of Nations and set the stage for World War II. It narrowly supported the draft but otherwise committed our armed force poorly prepared. It gave away the victory so valiantly won on the battle field. It then put us into the Korean War, a shameful "no win" type of war. It shamefully allowed the disgrace of General Douglas MacArthur. Then it put us into the Vietnam mess, again a senseless no win policy war. After all of these terrible immoral acts by itself, the Congress then decides to investigate the morals of our President. It allowed for the Watergate (get the President) hearings. Now it is stupidly allowing the delay of Dr. Kissenger's appointment as Secretary of State.

Where are our Republican friends in the Congress? Who want party support? With only few notable exceptions the majority are silent while still others are scornful.

I am not sure that they deserve our support as a Democrat could not be more

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Mr. George Bush, Chairman
National Republican Committee

September 18, 1973

harmful. Take our Connecticut Senator, as an example. If it wasn't for Senator Gurney, we would have no representation on the select Watergate Committee. The President is now fighting back! Splendid! How about us? How about it, are we going to support undeserving candidates?

Respectfully,

Raffaele F. Biondi

Raffaele F. Biondi

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Watergate*

June 5, 1973

Mr. Raymond G. Birtwell
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Dear Mr. Birtwell:

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd expressing your concerns.

The Watergate, an ugly mess which I in no way condone, was the product of the actions of a few misguided, very irresponsible individuals who violated a high trust and who served neither the President nor our country well. It is a deplorable incident, but at the same time I think we've got to be careful that we not condemn all those who worked for the CRP. All but a tiny handful of them were first-rate citizens -- Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike. Attached are some of the comments I have been making on the Watergate which I thought would be of interest to you.

I believe the overwhelming number of people involved in politics, Mr. Birtwell, are honest, decent people striving to better and strengthen our country, its system and political process. The few irresponsible men who abused the system and broke the law are simply not a true reflection of those involved in politics.

It is my understanding that the CRP cannot be dissolved as you suggested because of the lawsuits which are underway.

Out of this ugly mess can come a strengthening of our American system and its political process. But, I think each and every one of us is going to have to work towards that, by voting and by staying involved. And, I hope you will.

We are going to be working hard here to continue to build and strengthen a good, clean, decent Republican Party, an integral part of our political process.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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RAYMOND G. BIRTWELL
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WEST PATTERSON NEW JERSEY

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DEAR SIR:

I'M GLAD TO HEAR FROM THE WATERGATE HEARINGS THAT MOST REPUBLICANS ARE DECENT HONEST AND HONORABLE. THIS IS THE REASON I PLEAD WITH YOU TO BUST UP NIXON'S CREEP. NOTHING BUT EDIE CAME FROM IT ^{IT} AND HE CONTINUES TO USE ^{IT} FOR A SLUSH FUND FOR DISHONORABLE GOALS.

MY DAUGHTER'S SEVEN YEAR OLD AND BY THE TIME SHE'S OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE I'LL WORK FOR AN HONEST RELECTION IN WHICH SHE CAN VOTE. I ONLY VOTED FOR TWO MAJOR REPUBLICANS, ROCKEFELLER & SIMON BUT AT LEAST THEY WON HONESTLY.

FRANKLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE ^{FELLOW} 174 MILLION AMERICANS
CONDONING THE CONDUCT OF NIXON'S AIDES. THEY FEEL THAT ALL POLITICIANS GET INTO OFFICE THIS WAY AND WHY ROCK THE BOAT NOW THAT THEIR MAN IS IN.

Blackburn, Mrs.
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Comments
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Pres. Jack
etc

August 23, 1973

Mrs. Foster E. Blackburn
2542 Magnolia Valley Drive
New Port Richey, Florida 33552

Dear Mrs. Blackburn:

Thank you for your very good letter of August 10. I really appreciate your taking the time to write.

Jack Anderson, the columnist, was associated with Drew Pearson for many years, and he may well be the person you remember.

I think the President's most recent statement on Watergate and his press conference yesterday have gone a long way toward clearing the air. Most people seem to be getting weary of the televised hearings and are ready to turn the whole mess over to the courts. I just hope the President will be allowed to turn his full attention back to the problems facing the country and that Watergate will not obscure the fine accomplishments of this administration.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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New Port Richey, Fla.
August 10, 1973

Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Have been in your office many times, have worked for the President in several States, and know Mel Laird quite well, and am naturally what one would call a working Republican has-been.

Naturally, too, have listened to many of the Committee hearings during rainy days down here. We sent a telegram to Howard K Smith when he called Senator Ervin for allowing his claque to continue for days without proper gavelling. Since this was changed a bit - together with the posturing of a no doubt spoiled, charming and very political old man - towards the end perhaps it helped.

The St. Petersburg Times is a one-sided newspaper and always tries to make our President look bad and when they must relate to the obvious good things they must put a "but" after the recognition. So, we are constantly frustrated and mad and I am always "going to write that letter". However, I dare not make a mistake so refrain.

Could you possibly clue me in as to whether their darling Anderson (the columnist) is not the one during the Eisenhower administration (we lived in Washington area then) who either bugged or burgled Goldfine's hotel room during the Sherman Adams crisis? He was Drew Pearson's protege at that time. I cannot remember whether this was ever proved.

I have written Senator Baker (which he no doubt will never see) chiding him a bit for making fun of a witness when he quoted him verbatim as saying about Watergate - - - "I wouldn't take no Army with me if I had done it" or somesuch. I must admit it was the funniest statement to come out of the whole hearing which contained a bit too much levity and story telling among all of the Senators. After all a President was and is being tried by them before the world! The "I wouldn't take no Army with me" reminds me I have always been a romantic about Watergate and always wondered at so many bulls in a china shop, the 100 dollar bills or checks in their pockets, believe a card with some writing re The White House, the money I think coming out of Minnesota and landing in Tom Fleming's bank (always thought he was a Democrat) in Boca Raton. Strange - almost like they wanted to be caught - and two top experts out of CIA (formerly) running the show???

It all, too, reminds me of when someone played a dirty trick many years ago

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when I was Executive Secretary for the State of Wisconsin during the Taft primaries. We had huge bundles of very expensive brochures for each County Chairman for mailing to every person in their county - pre-addressed. A tremendous job including some 72 counties. One day a young man came in to pick up brochures for such and such a county to save us sending them to them by Greyhound or whatever. Six days later the County Chairman called for his brochures - - he never got them of course. I had been had. A very expensive lesson and early enough in the game to rectify - but I never forgot.

While I am on "dirty Tricks" makes me wonder if the desks of all the Committee members had been padlocked as soon as they were elected to do the job - whether they could stand the light of day any more than the famous tapes of the White House - on the basis of raunchy language and the give and take in secrecy of the foibles and problems of sometimes well-loved people and what to do about it?

X — Instead of an inquisition could it be dramatic for the President to re-take his Oath of Office with the same original cast but to add to it before the American people the fact he was completely innocent and just let it go at that - period. If he can say this without fear of a follow-up disclosure - believe the people will believe him! We must get the Country on the road.

Sincerely yours

Mrs Foster E. (Gertrude) Blackburn

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Gertrude Blackburn

Contractor Reportedly Gave Talmadge Vacation Flight

By ROBERT WALTERS

Washington Star-News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. Herman E. Talmadge, a Georgia Democrat considered one of the most influential members of the Senate, was flown to the Caribbean for a mid-winter vacation early this year by a major government contractor, according to reliable sources.

The flight took place Feb. 9, the day after Congress had begun a week-long Lincoln's Birthday recess. A twin-jet Sabrelliner — a plane built, owned and operated by Rockwell International — left Dulles International Airport for Bimini.

ACCORDING TO the source, Rockwell, a major defense and aerospace contractor, arranged the flights on its executive jets to and from Bimini to meet the scheduling requirements of individual members of Congress and handled all arrangements for the legislators' stay on the island.

Bahamaian government officials have confirmed the identity of two of the six passengers on the Feb. 9 plane —

Talmadge and R. J. "Doc" Watson, an official in Rockwell's Washington office is reported to have acted as host to the legislators.

Talmadge, one of the seven senators on the Senate committee investigating the Watergate scandal, also serves on the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct, the Senate's "Ethics" committee established to prevent illegal or improper activities on the part of Senate members and their staffs.

Blankenship, Virginia
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Watergate

August 3, 1973

Mrs. Virginia Blankenship
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Dear Mrs. Blankenship:

Thanks for your good letter of July 30.

I've enclosed several items about Watergate.
I don't think these are duplications on what we
sent earlier. Hope they help.

Thanks for all your efforts on behalf of
the President. Your support means a lot.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosure

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July 30. 1973

Mr. George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for answering my letter. Please send me more information material. I have a copy machine in my office - which I used to make copies and distribute. Many loyal "For One Nixon" Democrats as well as Republicans were pleased to receive your information. Please send more.

We are trying to organize women to "Work and support our President." We want to inform and remind people

of his many accomplishments during his four years in office - also remind people of the Democrats "Cover-ups" and "dirty political tricks of the Democrats." Namely

1. The Democrat War
2. Riots on Congress & Marches
3. Closed doors to China & Russia
4. Berlin Wall
5. Bobby Baker Case (While Sen. Ervin)
helped to quiet down
6. Pres. Johnson's Aide - (a homosexual!)
involved with a member of a foreign
Bureau - He did not appear.
7. Most of all - Chappaquiddick - that
Kennedy - on the Judiciary
Committee questioning other people,
8. J.K.'s license license revoked because
of drunken driving
He must be defeated now. So
many of us feel the K. Money has

given back of the Washington Break-in
 scheme - to bury all of the Negro
 good deeds. Our World is more
 grateful today than it has been
 for 40 years. Thanks to our Negro
 who are able to read the
 unlearned article.
 We do not feel it should
 present their faces in not any
 of his confidential information. He
 is the President, if they continue their
 demands - then we want all
 members of that Committee
 investigated - their campaign tactics
 revealed to the Nation. And when
 finished. Why should America
 be immune. We want that
 abolished.
 I will continue - but not if it
 is going to be of help to any one
 of the "Democrats" over on the other
 from me. We have been looking for
 a Republican to replace him.
 And M. S. Clark, Brecht, in any of
 these Republicans who have not

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backed. Over Nixon.
As I stated before - we have faith
in you Mr. Bond and pray
that you can get some of the
Rugby. donate back in line -
and supporting. Over Nixon,
Thank you -

Sincerely

Vergara Blankenship

Mrs. Virginia Blankenship
Apt. 53, 660 Americana Dr.
Annapolis, MD 21403



Mr George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, Southeast
Dwight D. Eisenhower Center
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Personal

'Logically Illogical'

THERE EXISTS in our land a mixed bag of journalists, politicians and barristers who have mastered the art of taking both sides of an issue. Practically simultaneously.

They are frequently logically illogical in their schizophrenic outbursts.

Take the case of the White House tapes.

When the story of the secret bugging was first reported, their wails of indignation could be heard from coast-to-coast.

They charged invasion of privacy. They labelled the taping a criminal act.

We do not ride a white horse in defense of the administration's taping practices. However, we do know there is nothing evil in silent tapes. Only the breaking of that shield of secrecy might conceivably create mischief.

The President planned to preserve the tapes for posterity. He is standing firm in refusing to violate their sanctity.

Ironically, many of those who were most critical of the secret bugging by the White House, are now leading the parade in arguing that some of the material be used.

They are against the taping but favor revealing the contents of the tapes!

It is ironical, too, that many journalists and politicians who 20 years ago warred against the trial-by-error tactics of the late Senator McCarthy now applaud similar tactics in the current Washington hearings.

During the McCarthy era, there were also long and heated debates over the use of taped and bugged evidence surreptitiously obtained.

At that time incriminating evidence of this kind, allegedly linking Dr. Owen Lattimore with a conspiracy against the nation, was ultimately declared inadmissible.

Some who then argued against the use of the Lattimore tapes now argue with reverse logic for the release of the White House tapes.

In the more recent past, damaging evidence against Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, obtained through the secret bugging of his phone, was declared unacceptable and contributed to freeing the self-confessed thief.

The Ellsberg decision was applauded by some who now clamor for the use of White House taped material obtained equally surreptitiously.

We have long felt that the courts may have gone too far in sanctifying evidence to the point of sometimes thwarting justice. Thus, unlike some, we are not unalterably opposed to the use of secretly taped evidence.

However, we do not believe in double standards. If taped evidence was inadmissible in the Ellsberg case, we believe it is equally inadmissible in the Watergate case.

We say this even though we believe the White House tapes might very well clear the President.

The dictionary defines "first lady" as the "wife or hostess of a chief executive." Our Governor's wife is not now his hostess. Query: who is First Lady of Maryland?

The campaign promise by whatever Republican runs against Gov. Mandel may be that he is in full accord with the Constitution's support of "domestic tranquility."

Shades of McCarthy

LIBERAL members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, headed by chairman J. William Fulbright, have committed a grave injustice in rejecting career diplomat G. McMurtrie Godley as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

The nomination was "postponed indefinitely," Sen. Fulbright freely admitted, because Mr. Godley was so vigorous in carrying out administration war policies when he was serving as United States Ambassador to Laos.

Since Mr. Godley was accused of no personal wrongdoing in his post, the committee in effect has punished him for faithfully carrying out orders under policies he neither set nor could control.

The committee's roundabout slap at the White House — at Mr. Godley's expense — was nothing more nor less than pure McCarthyism. In his notorious heyday, Sen. Joseph McCarthy likewise punished career foreign service officers for carrying out policies he condemned.

It is not necessary to belabor the obvious fact that diplomats should be judged on the basis of their experience and capability, and certainly not because of their assignment to controversial tasks.

The committee action, ironically, was as two-faced as it was unjust and reprehensible. The same Senate liberals who torpedoed Mr. Godley would have screamed bloody murder if the nomination of a capable career officer were to be blocked because of his connection with any kind of dovish activity in the past.

Nixon Watergate Stand

THE NEWS AMERICAN Sunday, July 29, 1973 11-A

Angers Top GOP Senators

By PATRICK J. SLOYAN
News American
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans are dismayed, angry and on the verge of an open break with President Nixon over his handling of the Watergate scandal.

The tone of GOP displeasure is best stated by Sen. Barry Goldwater, Ariz., the GOP presidential candidate in 1964 and leader of the party's conservative wing.

"I think the President has made a mistake by refusing to release these tapes," Goldwater said in an interview.

"It's not a question of separation of powers or a constitutional confrontation — that's a smokescreen. The important question here is the honor and the veracity of the President of the United States."

"I think the President must release these tapes and he must come before the Senate

Watergate Committee and the television cameras and tell the truth."

"This is not only my feeling. It is the feeling of Republican leaders across this country. I have been getting telephone calls almost hourly from them. They think the President is making a mistake."

"And I'll say this: It is hurting the President more than anyone. I've seen preliminary polls in six states and it indicates that local Republicans are not suffering — just the President."

Goldwater's views are a blow to the White House. "There's no question about it. Barry is becoming a real bellwether on Watergate," a White House aide said.

Enjoying the Republican uproar are Democrats who have shrewdly kept quiet about Nixon's worsening plight and loss of standings in the Gallup and Harris polls.

Unless Nixon bows to stiff-

ening GOP demands, he could end up with only token support in the coming months when his resignation or impeachment could become a serious issue.

House GOP Leader Gerald R. Ford said there is not the same "apparent disintegration" among Republicans in the House, where any impeachment action would have to start. "If anything, I think the current problem has solidified our ranks," he contended.

Goldwater and other Senate Republicans interviewed fear Nixon may have waited too long to present this side of the Watergate case.

"I can't conceive of any one thing the President could do to turn this around," Goldwater said.

Equally alarmed was Sen. Robert Dole, Kans., the man Nixon once picked to be chairman of the Republican Party.

"We can't wait while Nixon

lets the fuse burn down," Dole said. "What's he waiting for — the polls to turn around and show 40 per cent favor impeachment and 24 per cent approve of his administration?"

"He can take a trip to Russia, China, or the moon and it isn't going to make one damn bit of difference. This is going to be a long process to win back public support that he has lost — if he can."

"He won't even let us in on his thinking on what he plans to do to combat this so we can do a little advance work."

There are 15 Republican Senate seats up for grabs next year and Dole is one of 13 GOP senators making a reelection bid. He faces strong opposition from former Kansas Gov. Robert Docking, a Democrat.

"If the President doesn't come clean, we're going to have trouble staying clean. All my opponent has to do next year is say, 'well, you know Dole was picked by Nixon to head the GOP during the Watergate.'"

Goldwater and Dole are on the conservative side of the GOP but in many ways are harsher on the President than the moderate to liberal party wing.

While straining to support Nixon in public statements, Senate Republican leaders feel Nixon cares little about the political careers of GOP senators.

"He thinks he's in more trouble than we could be next year," said one GOP senator.

"The trouble is that it is

getting difficult to seize on anything to hold on to any thing when you want to rally around the President," explained Sen. Robert Griffin, Mich., the GOP whip.

Griffin and Scott had urged Nixon to have a respected independent listen to the White House tapes and study presidential documents to make public evidence pertinent to the Watergate investigation.

"We had our input and it didn't work," Griffin said.

Friends say the GOP leader, Sen. Hugh Scott, Pa., is livid over White House handling of Nixon's statements last week.

"It's the same old stupidity we have become accustomed to with the White House staff," Scott told one associate. "The President is listening to the men Ehrlichman and Haldeman hired."

Sen. Robert T. Stafford, R-Vt., supports Nixon's decision on withholding the tapes and other presidential documents.

"But I still have the uncomfortable feeling that the President is isolated," Stafford said. "It's a very difficult time to be a Republican. The President may win in the courts on this matter but he could still lose with the public."

"After all, the public is the jury in this case."

Republican liberal Sens. Jacob K. Javits, N.Y., and Edward Brooke, Mass., both have vehemently opposed Nixon's decision to withhold the tapes.

Worried about the sagging economy and continued dollar

problems abroad caused by lack of confidence, Brooke has been a leader in insisting Nixon speak out.

"Our nation desperately needs the restoration of confidence in our public institutions," Brooke said. "I fervently hope President Nixon will reverse his position."

But Nixon's harshest Republican critic in the Senate is Sen. William Saxbe, Ohio. Saxbe is looking beyond the current hearings and is talking seriously about removing Nixon from office.

"The trouble is that you would wind up with Spiro T. Agnew," Saxbe said.

Agnew isn't that bad, is he? "The Hell he isn't," Saxbe replied. "Agnew isn't the answer. They talk about Nixon toughing it out. That's no solution either."

There was a move afoot last week by at least one Republican to come to Nixon's defense by attacking both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate Watergate Committee for conducting a "witch hunt."

A leader of the move was Sen. Wallace Bennett, R-Utah, who said Scott should condemn the panel as a "Get Nixon" effort. Finding little support, Bennett dropped the plan for the time being.

Another indication of Nixon's loss of support among Senate Republicans came during a GOP policy luncheon last week. Sen. Howard Baker, Tenn., vice chairman of the Watergate panel, told his colleagues they may be forced to vote on the Senate show-

down with Nixon over the tapes.

"After a stunned silence, we agreed that as Senate Republicans we would not take a formal stand," said one GOP member.

Fortunately, Chairman Sam Ervin, D-N.C., was talked out of asking for Senate support

in his battle with the White House.

"If it had come to the floor, I think there would have been solid Republican support for Ervin and the committee," said one Democrat.

"A lot of people would have seen this as a pre-impeachment vote."

Camelot at Decatur Pig Greasing

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, Jr.

They are discovering true political statesmanship in Senator Kennedy's kissing conference with Governor Wallace, to use the term Senator Joe McCarthy used to use. "They" being Democrats whose resistance to unhygienic political associations stops short of uh, privation.

It is true that the civil rights revolution of the 1960's got in the way of the cozy compact between Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Southern lily-white Democrats, according to the terms of which FDR was permitted to give one speech a year on the subject of interracial toleration on the understanding that Southern segregationists could govern, with the obligation only of providing the electoral count on presidential years for FDR. Presumably if FDR had not died, he would be preparing to run in 1976 for his eleventh term, and his old Southern friends would have the situation totally under control.

Senator Kennedy has not identified himself as a postulant for the support of the gentleman who stood on the schoolhouse steps vowing that no Negro would attend the University of Alabama. Those who devote themselves assiduously to looking after Senator Kennedy's reputation make ample references to the tragic physical condition of Governor Wallace, to which Senator Kennedy's speech pointedly alluded. Presumably if Governor Wallace had sat, rather than stood, on the schoolhouse steps, he'd have been supported as a matter of personal sympathy by Senator Kennedy.

Fellow Warrior

Mr. Kennedy identified himself as a fellow warrior with Wallace against those "who used the people's power to strike at the right of the people." Now will you guess to what the Senator was alluding? It is never easy when they use rolling zeugmas in the high political tradition of saying nothing but making it sound orotund. But in an age when people's rights were systematically denied, and in the presence of a leader in the movement to deny those rights, Senator Kennedy was referring — I kid you not — to Watergate! And then he said of the Nixon Administration that it had "taken the most radical step toward dismembering the spirit of our Revolution and the protection of the Constitution."

George Wallace got all those followers out there for taking the position — historically plausible, by the way — that the people who have been undermining the Constitution have most of them been sitting in the Supreme Court, and that they were put there and egged on by the polity-heads who got along so well over the years with the Kennedy brothers. Really, one wonders whether George Wallace can survive his association with Senator Kennedy. Perhaps he has indeed given up.

Humans Discovered

I wrote a year or two ago that American liberals will one day discover that Southerners are also people, though it could not be predicted what that discovery would do to them. Senator Kennedy has discovered that George Wallace is a person, though it is by no means predictable that he would have discovered it if a) Wallace had lost rather than

won those primaries last year; and b) if Kennedy had elected not to run for President in 1976.

Discovering that Southerners are people requires one to comment on the fact of racial discrimination in other parts of the country, not merely in the South. And requires one to disavow the notion that everyone who voted for Wallace is primarily a racist.

These things Senator Kennedy most dutifully did in Decatur, Alabama, at a festival at which they displayed Southern feminine pulchritude, staged wrestling contests, and fought to catch the greased pig. There ought to be a stand at every county fair in which politicians tell lies about other politicians. Or maybe you should try to catch the politicians, instead of the pig? You wouldn't need to grease them. They are slippery enough as it is.



Buckley

Blow, Dick
Watergate

August 23, 1973

Mr. Dick Blow
7831 SE 40th Street
Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Dear Mr. Blow:

Chairman Bush is presently in Maine vacationing with his family. I know he will appreciate your comments about his future in the "trade an autograph" circuit, and you can be sure that your thoughtful letter of August 22 will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to the office. In the meantime, on behalf of Mr. Bush, may I thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny
Secretary, Mr. Bush

No reply

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7831 SE 40th St.

Morris Island, W.H. 9804
22 Aug 73

AUG 23 RECD

Don H. Burt.

Thank you for your letter of 16. Aug.
If you are to be my "mentor" me
"Pen Pal" I can hardly imagine a more
generous one.

However, in terms of quantity & quality
you are not No. 1. In fact, in other
a list arranged that way seems rather
are taken so seriously by no means
also clearly have less time than I do
to spare.

It looks like I'd have quite a
collection for (Angeles) future granddaughters
to "trade" as an organizer. Think of it: They
may be offering one "George Bush" for two
"Sawyer Fullbrights"! Four at least!

Regards, Dick Burt

August 16, 1973

Blow, Dick
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watergate

Mr. Dick Blow
7831 SE 40th Street
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040

Dear Mr. Blow:

I promise not to become your number one "pen pal", but I read your thoughtful and explanatory letter of August 12 with great interest. I am convinced the Party is above Watergate, I'm convinced the American people are fair, and thus out of the ugliness of the frustrations of the moment will come a recognition by the American people that in our rough and tumble political system we have something pretty darned special. I saw this clearly at the UN - I see it even more clearly now in this hectic partisan, but tremendously challenging job.

Thanks for your comments. When I see Senator Inouye next I will tell him I'm the guy Dick Blow wrote him about. I do know him slightly, but maybe this will be a way through which I'll get to know him better.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

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7831 SE 40th ST
Homer Island, WA 98040
12 Aug 73

Dear Mr. Bush,

I am very sorry for the mix up in the letters I sent to you & Senator Drouge. Thank you for sending his back; I will forward it on. Since I kept a photocopy of ~~of~~ the original letter I intended for you, I am inclosing it.

Now, although that is a gentlemanly way for me to handle the matter, it doesn't do you justice, because it is not the full truth. Actually I was in a hurry to get a fast response in the mail to each of you but the pace of issuing the "Reverse Kiplinger" type letters kept me from responding quickly to each of you. But one morning I did find catchup time and managed to write each letter. Then just as I was placing each letter in its envelope, a quixotic thought occurred to

me, but following that impulse may have been a serious mistake.

Anyway what occurred to me was: that here were two men both of whom I admired a great deal. (Yes, even middle-aged men must have their heroes.)

In your case, I recall your work @ the U.N. For a few brief moments there I thought I saw in you some of the light & courage that Dag Hammarskjöld & Ralph Bunche brought to that organization. It was the only time that the UN was really effective.

Being an idealist, I would prefer that you were still there at the UN. However, your present work as RNC Chairman is a much more complex and demanding ^{job}. Frankly, I rather think you will pull it through.

But, back to envelope stuffing, my unfortunate impulse was simply this: there are two fine men who might never meet because they are in opposite parties. So, I said

I mean you'll save your
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that saving President Nixon is a hopeless cause
By that I think

to myself:

"Mr. Bush, may I present Senator Inouye?"

"And, Senator Inouye, I want you to meet Mr. Bush."

Then, to seal the matter, I stuffed his letter into your envelope + vice versa.

My apologies for any distress I may have caused, but getting the two of you to say "Hello" was the only motive I had in mind.

Regards,
Dick Blow.

Copy: Senator Inouye

P.S. To substantiate my claim of independence, (which pleases neither of you, probably), I have compiled my voting record for your Sen Inouye

<u>Note:</u> The <u>Underline</u> shows which candidate I voted for.	<u>Year</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>
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	1952	Eisenhower	<u>Stevenson</u>
	1956	<u>Eisenhower</u>	Stevenson
	1960	Nixon	<u>Kennedy</u>
	1964	Goldwater	<u>Johnson</u>
	1968	<u>Nixon</u>	Humphrey
	1972	<u>Nixon</u>	McGovern

If you two old pros can interpret that, I wish you would tell me.

7831 SE 12th St.
Mercer Island, WA 98040
30 July 73

Dear Mr. Bush

I want to thank you for your
very perceptive letter of 20 July 73.

But I want to thank you more for
an item I read in Newsweek, (30 July 73),
"The Periscope".

Although you may lose some battles
with the older GOP element, I have a
strong feeling you will win the war.

My best wishes, personally, and in
your work,

Regards
Dick Blow
DICK BLOW



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MR FRANK G BOEHM

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Republican
National
Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

May 15, 1973

Mr. Frank G. Boehm
2700 Neilson Way
Santa Monica, California 90405

Dear Mr. Boehm:

Thank you for your letter of May 5 about the Watergate affair and Republican reaction to it.

I agree wholeheartedly with you that one of the major concerns in the midst of the various investigations and allegations should be the staunch preservation of individual rights until the justice system can determine the truth. But I do feel strongly that the great majority of our Congressional and Party leaders share that concern and are doing everything possible to see that the judicial process does work as it should. Certainly, there have been some hasty judgments expressed, but I think the main point most Party spokesmen are trying to make is simply their dismay and disgust at the grubby happenings which are unjustifiably being blamed on the Republican Party - and not that they are casting specific blame on individuals whose roles in these happenings have not yet been fully determined.

I am very appreciative of your letter and your views, Mr. Boehm, and most particularly encouraged by your kind words about my statements. But I hope you will continue to support not only President Nixon, but the Republican Party as well. We are working full-time to strengthen the Party and elect Republicans to office in 1973 and 1974. We need your continued help and support. I'll do my level best to merit your confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Handwritten initials

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May 5, 1973

Mr. George Bush
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

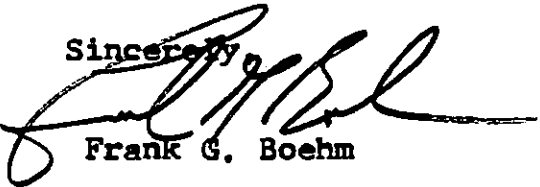
Dear Mr. Bush:

I am herewith returning my membership card as a sustaining member of the Republican Party. ~~The conduct of Republican members of Congress in desertion of their greatest leader at this time is reprehensible in my opinion.~~ In my opinion the party has deserted the principle of justice, and I will not support it further.

While your presentation on the NBC Today Show last week was commendable, it was the only voice I have heard raised among both conservative and liberal Republicans in behalf of fair play for the accused in the present nitpicking.

~~I, for one, am not ready to sentence the Presidential staff much less the President himself on the basis of charges by accused traitors and thieves as many prominent Republicans seem prone to do.~~

Sincerely,



Frank G. Boehm

2700 Neilson Way
Santa Monica, Cal 90405

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June 29, 1973

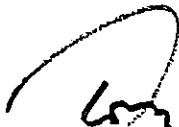
Chairman:

re: Grass roots comment on Watergate

Jean Boese, National Committeewoman for Louisiana, called to report that in her area people are fed up with Watergate. She says the comment she is getting indicates people do not believe John Dean and they think that his testimony is not having any effect. She says that in Louisiana people are basicly sympathetic with the President.

She thought the Bush statement concerning Dean and the importance of having those named testify was great. She said it got good coverage in Louisiana.

She is furious with what Lowell Weicker said in that it shows, she thinks, disloyalty to the President. She thinks you are doing a super job.



Tom

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Bolin, Bob
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The tapes

August 13, 1973

Mr. Bob Bolin
Box 324
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Mr. Bolin:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 30 and particularly for your words of support — they are most appreciated during these rather troubled times.

At this point, the question of the release of the tapes has been joined by the special prosecutor, the Senate Committee, and the White House with the outcome in the hands of the courts. I am confident that the President will abide by the court decision, and I think we'll just have to wait until then to have these complicated legal matters untangled. Certainly it's not an easy question, and I believe the President is sincere in his feeling that releasing the tapes would do damage to the prerogatives of the Presidency.

As you know, the President will make a comprehensive statement on Watergate in a few days. Hopefully, it will remove the clouds above his head and make clear once and for all that he was not involved in this sordid and grubby affair.

Thanks for writing to share your concerns with me. I am optimistic that when this matter is finally settled, the Party will be vindicated that will emerge as strong and healthy as ever.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

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July 30, 1973

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AUG 6 REC'D

Charlottesville,
Virginia 22902

Dear Mr Bush,

I'm a temporarily displaced Texan. I hope that your service as Republican Committee Chairman in these rocky times do not hurt you politically in Texas. I voted for you in your last election and probably would again.

I am also concerned about President Nixon's refusal to turn the tapes over to Mr. Cox. The President appears to be setting his former aids up to claim that since evidence is withheld they cannot be tried. The President should be above suspicion. Now he is acting suspicious and he may well be taken as a criminal. I hope you agree with this and will use your influence to turn the President around on this vital issue.

Respectfully
Bob Bolin

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Borgerson, Helen
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Watergate

June 8, 1973

Mrs. Helen E. Borgerson
237 Coburn Avenue
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

Dear Mrs. Borgerson:

Thank you for your good note of May 16th.

These are troubled times for our country, and we all have good reason for deep concern. There is no doubt that the press is focusing a great deal of attention on the Watergate affair. But I feel, even though this is a distressing, ugly mess, it is vitally important that a good perspective is kept by all. We have been trying here through endless speeches, many public appearances and newspaper articles to accomplish just that, to be certain the many positive accomplishments of the President and the Party are not obscured by this affair which was the product of a handful of very irresponsible men who violated a high trust and who served neither the President nor our country well. Know that we are making progress even though it is not, unfortunately, getting through to your state yet.

I think that in the next few weeks we are going to see more return to civility on all sides, including the press. The press has done a good job in many ways, but, in some instances, they seem to have overlooked one of our basic principles, such as a man is innocent until proven guilty.

In the meantime, we will just have to keep forging ahead and continuing to try to get our message across. It is not always easy, but I am not pessimistic. We will weather this storm. Out of it will come, I believe, a strengthening of our great American system and its political process.

Thank you for writing, and let me officially welcome you into the Republican Party. I will be working hard here to continue to build and strengthen a good, clean, decent Party which will, I hope, continue to merit your good confidence and support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Mr. George Bush, Chairman
 National Republican Committee
 Washington, D.C.
 Sir:

I have written many letters of
 thanks to our leaders in government
 and this is a different kind of letter.
 I became so late this morning over
 a small piece in our Wrecked
 Telegram I felt I had to write and
 ask someone a question and I felt
 there is no one else but you to question.
 I left the Democratic Party after
 35 years being a loyal member,
 and became a Democrat for Mr. Nixon.
 I became a Republican Nov. 16, 1972.

May 16, 1973

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I am so proud of my President and
 my Country and I am so distressed
 by all of the Liberal Republicans
 downing this Administration. We
 have almost a look for here in
 Mass. We only see the Liberal side.
 If we drive another side we have to
 fight to get these back. The Ratio
 is loaded with Liberal. The T.P.
 and now we are starting again
 in the North.
 It is sickening to me and many
 more in Mass. Why can't we and hear
 some Conservatives and some middle of
 the Roaders.
 I hope you can find the time
 to answer this letter. I know you are
 all so busy.
 My friends are and every night for
 this Administration (Mrs) Allen E. Benson
 237 Coburn Ave.
 Worcester, Mass. (01604)

WORCESTER TELEGRAM

Metropolitan News

WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1973

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Telegram Photo by EDWARD A. COURNOYER.
The youth voter rally in front of City Hall.

Only a Few Hear Speakers Urging Youths to Register

By GEORGE H. LABONTE
Of the Telegram Staff

State and local politicians and the weather shared the rostrum at a noontime rally yesterday in front of City Hall, called to urge 18-to-20-year-olds to register to vote.

A sparse attendance of about 20 people stood in small clusters, an occasional few huddling under umbrellas. The rally was sponsored by the City Manager's Youth Advisory Council as part of a week-long program to register young voters and encourage them to vote.

Hopes for drier skies delayed the rally from its scheduled 11:30 starting time.

Dozen Speakers

The dozen speakers included state and local officials, candidates for municipal office and heads of citizens' political organizations.

The message of the day, echoed by nearly every speaker, was for the youth of the city to

get involved in politics and government.

Responsible citizenship goes beyond mere registration, the speakers told the small group of high school students and lunch-time pedestrians. The young were urged to register, to vote, to become active in political campaigns, including running for office themselves, and to make their voices heard at all levels of government.

President Nixon and his administration came in for severe criticism from several speakers for what State Rep. David J. Lionetti, R-Ward 1, called "abuse of the public trust."

The audience was given Watergate and state-level "abuses" as examples of how much government needs young ideas and idealism.

Coordinated Rally

Miss Deborah Kaufman, North High School representative on the Youth Advisory Council, coordinated the rally and is directing a week-long

registration effort in Worcester public high schools.

She said 121 of 135 North High School students eligible to vote registered yesterday at the school.

The city clerk is sending registrars and secretaries to each of the city high schools for student registration. Sessions will be held at 9 a.m. today at South High School, tomorrow at Burncoat Senior High School and Friday at Doherty High School. Miss Kaufman said similar appointments in private high schools would be made if requested.

WINE TIRE SALE

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Box 241
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Watergate

July 16, 1973

P. O. Box 241
Montezuma, Iowa 50171

Dear Sir:

I'm sorry to be addressing you in this indirect way, but since your letter was unsigned, I have no choice. I did want to respond to your comments, however.

I can assure you that I have never said that the Watergate affair is not a scandal. It most assuredly is, and it flies in the face of everything I believe in in politics and public service. I am appalled that a few misguided individuals have broken the law and by doing so attacked our entire political system. But it was a few individuals, not the Republican Party and as far as I'm concerned, not the President. The Republican National Committee is the party organization, not the Committee to Re-Elect the President. The RNC was not involved, and I believe the President when he said he was not involved. I think his rights are entitled to the same protection given everyone else in America -- he should be considered innocent until proved guilty in a court of law, not judged on the basis of hearsay and innuendo which is not substantiated by evidence that would hold up in court.

You are entitled to your opinions, but I hope you will wait until all the facts are in and the courts have acted before drawing conclusions on anyone's guilt or innocence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush


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That's the Way Nixon Operates

Investigation of the 1972 election campaign has revealed that Nixon campaigners placed deceptive ads, sent phony telegrams and faked poll results to sway public opinion. So what else is new?

A decade earlier, when Richard Nixon ran for governor of California, his campaign organization was enjoined by a California court for essentially the same tactics.

Created at the time was a "Committee for the Preservation of the Democratic Party in California," which purported to speak for concerned Democrats but which was a creature of the Nixon campaign organization. Literature mailed by the phony committee to hundreds of thousands of California Democrats advanced the same themes Nixon was plugging in the campaign. The literature also solicited funds, claiming the contributions would be used by the Democratic Party.

The California court found, "In truth and in fact, such funds were solicited for the use, benefit and furtherance of the candidacy of Richard Nixon for governor of California." The mailing was in the form of a postcard poll in which the recipient Democrats were asked to respond to certain loaded questions, in

addition to sending their money. The California court declared:

"This postcard poll was reviewed, amended and finally approved by Mr. Nixon personally . . . Nowhere in letters mailed by defendant committee was it stated that the defendant committee and its mailing were supported and financed by the Nixon for Governor Finance Committee. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Halderman (H. R., then Nixon's campaign manager) approved the plan and project as described above and agreed that the Nixon campaign committee would finance the project."

The deception produced a rebuke from the court and an order enjoining the Nixon campaign organization from continuing the phony mailings. California Democrats won the ruling after pursuing the issue in the courts at a cost to them of \$10,000.

No one went to jail or was fined.

It isn't clear whether the lack of a criminal penalty was because the judge was "soft on crime" or because of a gap in the California law. In any case, California law and order did not accomplish much in this instance. If it had, perhaps the country would have been spared a repetition in 1972.

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Dear Mr Bush.

How naive can you get when you say the Watergate affair isn't a scandal and it isn't Republican? I don't Nixon a Republican and weren't we foolish enough to elect him

It's the worst scandal in the White House in all my long life.

The last 6 weeks in work I've been contacting farmers, business people and professional people. Not a single one thinks the President is innocent! Sure he won't admit it - neither will Halderman or Ehrlichman - they are "crooks". But I believe Dean - no one could lie for 4 days, hour after hour and not get mixed up.

And no matter what the President says - I won't make any difference to the average American. He has ruined his personal image - the image of the office and threatened our "way of life". What a mess.

The dollar crisis, the balance of payments - the stock market - the uncontrolled inflation. Please God we will fail as did the 36th President. I'm a Republican and I'm ashamed of it. Not any more will I support

Montezuma La 6-3-73

Boyd, Miss Lois
8
Watergate

June 5, 1973

Miss Lois Boyd
Route 3
Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Dear Miss Boyd:

Many, many thanks for your letter of May 21st expressing your concerns.

We have been trying here through endless speeches, many public appearances and newspaper articles to see that a proper perspective is kept during this troubled time. Attached are some of the statements I have been making addressing the Watergate issue and citing the very proud record of accomplishments of the President. Many Republican spokesmen, including most of our good Governors, Senators, and Members of Congress, too, have spoken out. It is not always printed, but we are making progress.

It is my hope that unworthy deeds of the Democrats who have taken advantage of the system which are within the scope of the Ervin Committee will be brought to light in the investigation. We will provide what information we have here to the Committee, and I hope that you too will provide them with any factual information you might have relating to their work.

We will weather this storm and are working hard here to continue to build and strengthen a good, clean, decent Republican Party. The handiwork of a few misguided individuals who broke the law and the hurricane surrounding that issue and its resolution will not be allowed to sidetrack our work.

Thank you again for writing, and know that we are continuing our efforts here to get our message across.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Route 3.

Eaton Rapids, Mich

May 21, 1973

Mr. George Bush,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Bush:

// You Republicans disgust me. Why don't you fight back? Are the G.O.P. going to accept full responsibility for rotten politics and let the Democrats be the good guys and reap all the glory?

If ever a people were deprived of a free right to elect a president, it was in 1964. I feel it is much worse to lie and deceive people (as was done in 1964) than to attempt to steal from the Democratic party in 1972. After all the people knew nothing about Watergate at the time and so the election was influenced very little if at all. But the bomb pictures, the Social Security propaganda, sex accusations and all the other Democratic lies certainly deceived the people in 1964.

// Why don't Republicans demand an open and full investigation of 1964 election? Why clean out the Republican party and leave the dirty Democrats to go Scot free?

It that isn't ammunition enough there is the
Bobby Baker case which was never full disclosed;
It makes me tornation mad to see you Republicans
just sit there and permit the media in their informed
assessations. Do something!

Sincerely yours
Muriel Spivey Boyd

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June 21, 1973

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Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee,
310 First St. SE
Washington, D. C.

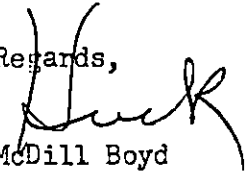
Dear George:

Just a note of appreciation for your public
statements about Watergate.

It is my feeling that your position is most appropriate in your position and should be helpful to the party.

Will plan to see you Tuesday.

Regards,


McDill Boyd

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June 7, 1973

Boyd, William D.
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Watergate

Mr. William B. Boyd
4825 Armstrong Road
Manlius, N. Y. 13104

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your letter to Mr. Maurice Stans, former Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, has been brought to my attention.

Inasmuch as you wrote your letter in January, I know that you experienced the wonderful feeling of seeing our POW's return home. For the first time in 12 years there are no American combat troops in Vietnam.

I fully share your concern about this sordid and grubby Watergate mess. We in no way condone what has happened, and I am convinced that the Republican National Committee was in no way involved. Further, I am convinced that only a handful of the Committee to Re-elect the President (CRP) people were involved. Keep in mind that the RNC and CRP are two separate entities. The losers will rightly be those who were guilty of wrongdoing, not the many staff people, volunteers, Party workers and leaders and officeholders who are innocent. The entire case of the Watergate is in the hands of our criminal justice system, which I am confident will clear the matter up completely. Enclosed are some of my statements on this matter.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in 1974. We will appreciate any support, financial or otherwise, you can give us. I'll do my level best to merit your support and confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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4825 Armstrong Road
Manlius, New York 13104
January 16, 1973

Mr. Maurice H. Stans, Chairman
Republican National Finance Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

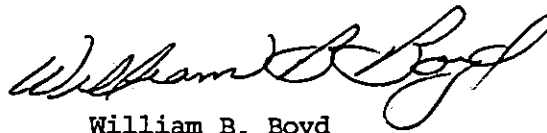
Dear Mr. Stans:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 9 requesting financial assistance for the Republican National Finance Committee to be used for the 1973 Congressional campaign.

At the present time, I am very much concerned about two recent actions of key Republicans. The first of these is the recent heavy-bombing order by President Nixon and his failure to achieve an end to American involvement in Vietnam. The second is the Watergate incident in which Republican campaign funds were apparently used for illegal activities in connection with the recent elections.

Until such time as the above incidents are in better focus, I do not intend to make any contribution to the Republican National Finance Committee. If these incidents are satisfactorily concluded or explained, my position will be re-examined. If they are not settled or satisfactorily explained, my financial support will be limited to specific individuals, either Republican or Democratic, who I believe will more nearly support the directions which, in my view, are more right and proper for this country to take.

Yours truly,


William B. Boyd

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Brannen, R. L. Sr.
8
Watergate &
Media

July 31, 1973

Mr. R. L. Brannen, Sr.
3205 Lexington Road
Montgomery, Alabama 36106

Dear Mr. Brannen:

Thank you for your letter of July 22 about Watergate and the media. I agree somewhat with your analysis that the media seem to be out to get the President, but I am confident that in the long run neither the President nor the Party will be blamed for this ugliness.

As you indicated, the public view of Watergate varies after each witness, up or down, depending on what is said. I think when all the facts are in it will be shown that the President has told the truth when he says he was not involved.

I do appreciate your indication of support for the President, and I assure you we share your feelings in this regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

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3205 Lexington Rd.
Montgomery, Ala. 36106
July 22, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush -

I think you wrote a good piece in

Carroll's column.

Never heard of "no" get another

opportunity to put it in him or another

columnist, & suggest that he point out that

General Stinky, Murray, etc. at least

those all typed conversations meetings etc.

therefore nothing unusual in (no change)

to the Whitehouse.

Also, the mass media has got it all

about & something should be done about it.

The media plays up the every body

theory, etc. that's different, & ignores

perhaps testimony in a collected effort to

damage the President and make his actions

(seen only one so far) look good.

For instance, highly respected (Richard Moore)

(no as to giving testimony, Madison, etc.)

has all reports seen on all major facts

of his testimony. They have done this

not by history, records, etc. in

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formation, by what they "believed" "assumed," or
got the "impression" - but by first-hand
knowledge. But I would never have known
it if I had not viewed their testimony on
TV. This is true because the AP, UPI, ABC,
CBS, NBC Radio & TV "news" reports on the
hearings mostly buried, ignored and suppress-
ed these clear, specific refutations of Hear's
fabrications. Plainly speaking they called
Hear a deliberate liar.

Now the Gallup's are this ^{Paul} Armstrong
drop in the President's popularity. But it
was taken after Hear's Gallup's testimony
& even before John Mitchell appeared. This
kind of thing should be pointed out.

Even Mitchell successfully refuted much of
Hear's testimony. Example: Hear's story of a meeting
in Mitchell's office ^{June 28th} on the "cover up" was labeled
"complete fabrication" and ^{Mitchell} proved Hear's was a
liar by pointing out he (Mitchell) was in New York
on June 28th.

Please acknowledge this one.

(OVER) Sincerely, R.L. Brannen, Jr.

strongly I don't believe some of these
facts—especially "The Maria" bill.
But in doing to write Gallup's
testimony in a serious situation as
near as it is certainly unfortunate to
say the best that he could possibly
have taken in effect on the international
testimony of a man like Dean in the
work on "The Prosecution" testimony
alone.

I think you and some one of the party
shared with Gallup along the line of
the first for



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PRES MR GEORGE BUSH CHAIRMAN

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON DC

IT DEMOTES A LACK OF COMPETENCY AND GUTS ON THE PART OF YOU
REPUBLICANS IN WASHINGTON WHEN ITS LEFT UP TO A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
TO CITE THE DELIBERATE GROSSLY UNFAIR ATTEMPT OF THE PRESS TO
DESTROY OUR PRESIDENT. CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR WILLIAM PROXHIRE
R L BRANNON 3205 LEXINGTON RD

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May 30, 1973

Mr. R. L. Brannon, Sr.
3205 Lexington Road
Montgomery, Ala. 36106

Dear Mr. Brannon:

Just a quick letter to thank you for your letter to me of May 21. I read your further points with keen interest. I am convinced things are going to get better on all this Watergate mess, but there has been a tremendous concentration of attention to it as your letter aptly pointed out.

Hastily, but sincerely.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

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3205 Lexington Rd.
Montgomery, Ala. 36106 May 21, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your reply to my telegram - your letter May 16 which I am returning so there will be no difficulty in matching our files.

I agree wholeheartedly with ^{is w}the one exception to my telegram that republican lacked the guts to say what needed to be said. If anybody knows the biased way the "news" is treated by the AP, UPI, ABC, CBS and NBC TV and Radio News (especially Radio News), New York Times, Washington Post, et al, ^{it}is myself because I have spent a lot of time in recent months monitoring the so-called news services.

What I have discovered is that they seize upon any statement or any of the day's event, which they think will discredit the President or republicans, and ride it to death; however, any statement by anyone which supports the President or republicans, is ignored or suppressed. All favorable developments ignored.

I have written Marvin Arrowsmith, Chief of Bureau, AP, Washington, protesting this kind of treatment of the news and he has replied, denying the charge, and saying that he wished we could get together for a meeting to discuss the matter, saying attempting to satisfy me at long range would be futile.

I have now furnished him example after example to prove my point.

I have written Michael H Stein, Manager of News, ABC Radio, and he replies with a letter saying he puts on republicans as well as their opposites, and such bunk as that - ending up, "Again, thank you for your interest and concern."

I have now given him some specific examples.

When they do put on a republican spokesman, the media lifts words and phrases out of context, cut out the meat of what he says, and sometimes twist his words in such a way that one would think he was criticizing the President or some of his actions, instead of trying to show his support for the President.

Actually, when one gets away from the Washington-New York area I do find the people all absorbed in the Watergate nonsense, but they are tired of the news media concentrating on it and it is that that they complain about.

Enclosed is an editorial from the Birmingham News which is self-explanatory and you or others may find a way to utilize it in some fashion.

Thanks for your response to my telegram.

Sincerely,

R L Brannon, Sr.

I've decided to enclose a second editorial from Bham News. You may want to consider having a Senator enter in the Congressional Record. My two Senators are more or less with us, as you must know, but since they belong to the other party, I hesitate to ask them to put in the CR. I'm also keeping your reply, May 16.

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The Birmingham News

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 James B. McAdory, Jr., Editorial Page Editor
 Victor H. Hanson, Publisher, 1910-1945
 Sunday, May 20, 1973

Wiretap And Security

Incredibly, presidential advisor Henry A. Kissinger has become "tainted" with the illegal Watergate espionage because he initiated wiretaps to close security leaks in the National Security Council staff of sensitive foreign policy issues.

Suddenly, a wiretap is a wiretap. It makes no difference if the surveillance is legal and duly authorized by the appropriate authorities. In the climate created in the aftermath of Watergate, logical distinctions become blurred.

Certainly the government has a responsibility to protect its innermost foreign policy secrets; otherwise, it could not negotiate with other governments or protect the interests of its citizens. Kissinger was absolutely correct in saying that "it was my duty" to protect the confidentiality of national security information.

Way down in a story by Peter Lisagor of the Chicago Daily News Service last week was the following clarifying sentence: "The wiretaps of Kissinger staff members had nothing to do with Watergate or the political espionage and sabotage later charged to members of the committee to re-elect President Nixon and the implicated top White House assistants."

Then comes the tarbrush: "However, because of the supercharged environment here, Kissinger's association with the wiretaps put on his staff to safeguard against leaks of information relating to sensitive foreign policy issues was seen as *damaging his own hitherto spotless image*."

"It was seen by many experienced observers as another example of the byzantine atmosphere in the White House in which the prevailing mistrust and suspicion led to the *disarray of Watergate*."

If the security surveillance which occurred in 1969 had nothing to do with Watergate, and it did not, then why should Kissinger's "spotless image" be damaged? And how can the problem of security leaks be seen by "experienced observers" as leading to the "disarray of Watergate?"

If this is an example of the thinking being done by "experienced observers," heaven knows where this sort of logic will lead them.

The National Security Council leaks and subsequent attempts to plug them, of course, had absolutely nothing to do with

the campaign and absolutely nothing to do with the Watergate espionage.

If in some eyes officials in the highest inner circles of national security have their "images" damaged by attempting to protect vital information, then the perception of the observer is out of focus.

The nation must guard against an outbreak of hysterical overreaction to the Watergate incident. Let's keep some perspective.

Wiretapping does not fit neatly into one category. The right of privacy should not be a cloak behind which spies, criminals or leakers of government secrets may hide with impunity.

Where wiretapping is done through legal channels, the right of a citizen against a frivolous invasion of privacy by federal or local investigating agencies is protected. Furthermore, wiretapping can be a valuable tool in bringing lawbreakers to justice or protecting the security of the nation.

Certainly the citizen or a political party should be protected against an illegal or unauthorized invasion of privacy by wiretapping. Seven individuals already have been convicted of the Watergate espionage and hearing and grand jury proceedings are probing into responsibility for the illegal acts at a higher level.

But the indignation over Watergate is no excuse to drag others, such as Kissinger, into a vague and generalized hullabaloo about wiretapping.

The Watergate controversy could end up as a repeat of the McCarthyism of the Fifties or the Salem Witch Trials of early Massachusetts if it is allowed to get out of hand.

Judging from some of the press reports, professional journalistic restraint needs to be reaffirmed.



The Birmingham News

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Thursday, May 17, 1973

Disservice To The People

Not since the years leading up to and including the Civil War has this nation been so poorly served by much reporting comprised of rumor, conjecture and speculation as it has in the Watergate scandal.

At the outset *The Birmingham News* called upon President Nixon to initiate a full investigation into all aspects of the Watergate bugging and where evidence seemed to justify it to initiate appropriate criminal action.

But *The News* also repeatedly warned its readers to reserve judgment on those persons, including the President, who were being smeared by rumor and irresponsible reporting, until the hard facts in the case had been established.

The News, as are its readers, is well aware that the President and his administration have both honest critics and mortal political enemies in the federal bureaucracy, in the Congress and in the private sector, including members of the media.

Some would use any means to cripple the administration and destroy the President up to and including impeachment.

For these persons the best interests of the nation, fair play and justice are irrelevant where the administration is concerned.

There is no doubt that there was wrongdoing in the Watergate bugging and in subsequent events. It appears that persons close to the President have been guilty of a misuse of the power entrusted to them, up to and including illegal acts.

But the hard facts in the events have not yet been fully ascertained.

Already an official digest of former Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray's testi-

mony before a Senate committee refutes rumored statements which smeared the President and other officials.

Other hard facts may refute other rumors and slanderous statements to remove the question of guilt from some of those accused, but the damage to reputations will have been done.

Monday the White House found it necessary to brand as "false and malicious" a report moved by the *Associated Press* to its members throughout the nation. The *Associated Press* report was picked up from Santa Ana (Calif.) *Register* which had reported that unidentified Senate investigators believe President Nixon may have used leftover 1968 campaign funds to buy his San Clemente, California, estate. The *Associated Press*, Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said, would not delay the story long enough to provide the White House time to comment or provide the details of the purchase of the estate.

Subsequently Sen. Sam J. Ervin, chairman of the special committee said of the report that "he had never heard about it." The committee's staff lawyers also said they had no such report.

One of the canons of journalism is to present all sides of an issue and to provide full attribution. Such seems not to have been the case with the *Associated Press* whether by miscue or an error in judgment.

A federal grand jury is sitting in the capital hearing witnesses regarding the Watergate issue. A special Senate committee is also hearing testimony.

The hard facts of Watergate will come out through these two legally constituted bodies and the guilty, whoever they are, will be identified and dealt with.

In the meantime it behooves the American press, particularly those emotional electronic commentators, to exercise restraint before it brings discredit upon itself and damages its credibility with the very people it exists to serve and contaminates its very real contribution in exposing the Watergate scandal.

It also behooves the American people to withhold judgment until the facts are in, until the indictments are signed and guilty or innocent verdicts are brought in.



Skylab's Disappointment

Montgomery, Ala. Advertiser

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1973

Investigative Responsibility

Ralph de Toledano

THE WATERGATE case, which began as a sober investigation by a handful of reporters — some 14 out of the more than two thousand that cover this beleaguered city — has become a wild orgy of half-truths, innuendo, irrelevant facts, and nasty suppositions.

Unsupported allegations, blown up into serious charges, are every reporters' meat and the nation's poison. It's almost as if every newsmen in Washington had been taking courses from Jack Anderson at his Eagleton affair worst.

And now the politicians have joined the game. Senator William Proxmire (Dem.-Wis.) takes to the floor of the Senate in saintly forbearance and virtue, scolding the press because "President Nixon is being tried, sentenced, and executed by rumor and allegation" and excoriates newsmen for the "McCarthyistic destruction of the President that is now going on with increasing vehemence."

But on the telephone to the editors of the Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, Proxmire says that Mr. Nixon "is involved in Watergate up to his ears" and that "there's a devastating case that the President may be guilty" of covering up the Watergate affair.

Then, caught in the act, Proxmire blandly argues that there is "no real conflict" between what he said to the Senate and what he said to the press.

If the President is at all implicated, then it will come out in the grand jury proceedings and in Senator Sam Ervin's select committee investigation. But ambiguous statements, third hand, of those already involved make 8-column heads in the nation's great newspapers.

THERE IS no recourse for those who are pilloried, and in the long run the media itself will be hurt — no matter what the outcome of the case.

A fine soldier, General Robert E. Cushman, the Marine commandant, is dragged into the scandal mongering because, as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, he acceded to a White House request to give one of the men who later turned up as a Watergate conspirator disguises and some technical equipment for use in what CIA was told would be a "national security investigation."

General Cushman's crime, it would seem, is that he was once an aide to Vice President Nixon and has an excellent Vietnam military record.

The President is attacked because, after the Pentagon Papers leak, he ordered a special investigation. He would have been remiss in his duty had he not done so.

The Pentagon Papers were a "national security" matter, and the White House, which includes the National Security Council, would have been guilty of negligence had it not done what every government department and agency touched by the theft of classified documents did — namely to attempt to find out how its security had broken down.

Murray Chotiner, now practicing law in Washington but once an associate of the President, is held up to public obloquy because he went to the White House to intercede for James Hoffa, the imprisoned onetime leader of the Teamsters union.

Chotiner's act is made to seem as if it were somehow underhanded or unethical. But where would a lawyer, seeking Executive clemency, go in this search but to the White House. That's where Executive clemency is granted — and that's where any lawyer representing any client would have to go.

SO MANY names are being pulled out of hats, charges being made and skullduggery hinted at, that the average newspaper reader needs a score card to tell the players.

No one who ever had any business in the White House — or with it — is safe, and whispers out of the grand jury room that a name was mentioned are sufficient for a scare headline. Little is being said about hard evidence. Any rumor is enough for a page-one screamer.

Ralph Nader states as fact that President Nixon will resign, and that becomes news. Nader has no access to White House sources or any special information — but does that matter in the growing hysteria about Watergate?

Before any of the evidence is in, there is widespread media speculation on the possibility of impeaching Mr. Nixon — and just that speculation has the effect of convincing the unwary that impeachment is justified.

Things are indeed, as Groucho Marx used to say. They have come to a pretty

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George Bush

Yours very truly,

I couldn't agree more with your view that some of the attempts have been "unfair." We will continue to do what we can to get things in perspective here. I really appreciate your taking the time to wire me on this subject.

Let me take exception to one part. I agree with Frowdine when he says that people are innocent until proved guilty, but where I disagree with you is that we "lack guts." I've been saying this from the very beginning time and time again in public speeches, but it's not printed. It's only when man bites dog that you have news, and thus, when a liberal Democrat comes out with a statement like that it's printed. Believe me, many Republican spokesmen have been saying this for a long, long time including most of our great Governors, our Senators, and Members of Congress, etc.

Thank you for your telegram.

Dear Mr. Brennan:

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May 16, 1973

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