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Cade, James O.
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Chm on Watergate

June 12, 1973

Mr. James O. Cade
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Dear Mr. Cade:

I read with interest the contents of your letter of June 5th and your comments relative to my remarks on the Watergate issue. I was especially pleased that you took time out to give me the benefit of your thoughts.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing material emanating from Republican National Committee headquarters which may be of interest to you in view of your concern regarding this problem.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Enclosures

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June 5, 1973

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Hon. George Bush
Chairman of the Republican National Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

I have read certain excerpts of remarks made by you to the annual budget meeting of the Republican National Finance Committee on May 9. I feel that you are "too close to the mountain to see it" and that you are too apologetic about Watergate. An old illiterate retired farmer stopped me in the lobby of the First National Bank here in Brownwood yesterday morning and asked me what I thought about the talk of impeaching Mr. Nixon. I answered by asking him, "What do you think about it?" He answered "Hog wash!"

Then he went on to say that, in the first place, Mr. Nixon, and the other men mentioned most often about the matter, are "too smart" to have pulled such a thing as a part of a political campaign. He said, "Those men are not that stupid."

Then he said, "Mr. Cade, those men were after a gang of radicals who were planning a 'take over' of the Government as soon as McGovern took office."

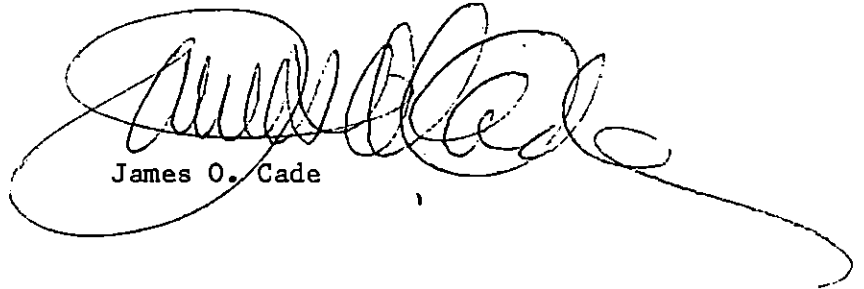
Whether the farmer has guessed right or not, I tell you frankly that his guess was the same that I have heard from many other citizens in this area. I had rather accept his guess than your surmise that there was something approaching criminality involved.

I know how the C. I. A. operates. It has a rule that if one of its operatives is caught in a situation such as this, even if it be in line of duty, the Government will disown him. I am not surprised that the Government has thrown the Attorney General and other high officials to the wolves, because that is the way C. I. A. operates.

However, I think the matter has gone far enough. The C. I. A. ought to tell what it really found, if it did so find, at the Watergate. It is time to let the people know how the Marxist

Movement in the U. S. (not Russia or China) is trying to capture our minds. Apparently the Senate Watergate Committee is unwittingly lending a helping hand to that Movement. The public is ready to accept the truth from what I hear people say.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and flourishes, positioned above the printed name.

James O. Cade

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cc: Dr. Guy D. Newman, Chancellor
Howard Payne College
Brownwood, Texas 76801

*Campbell, Jean,
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Watergate*

May 21, 1973

Miss Jean L. Campbell
657 Los Ninos Way
Los Altos, California 94022

Dear Miss Campbell:

Your letter distresses me very much because you condemn the entire Republican Party for the acts of a handful of men who were totally lacking in judgment and good taste. Even before I became National Chairman, I spoke out loudly and clearly - at every opportunity - about Watergate. It was a sordid event, something I in no way condone, and I strongly support all efforts to get at the truth and punish those who are guilty and exonerate those who are innocent.

You ask if I really care about this country. Miss Campbell, believe me, I do. I gave up a very successful business and diplomatic career to get reinvolved in politics because I deeply believe in our system. I just hate to have our Party tarnished by such selfish and stupid acts. I abhor any connotation of corruption in politics, but I do not intend to sit back and wring my hands and give up because of the wrongdoing of a few.

Please don't give up on the Party - look at the facts and note the difference between Party and individuals. Too, the Administration has a proud record of accomplishments, both in foreign affairs and at home.

We do need the "little people." I was surprised to learn when I assumed the Chairmanship that over eighty per cent of the funds raised by the Republican National Committee come from small contributors - not the "fat cats" as you suggest. I am pledged to do my level best to work here at the RNC to improve the image of the Republican Party and to try to run things on a fair and principled basis. I hope you will reconsider and give us your support. We really do need you.

Yours very truly,

GB:RZ:jj

George Bush

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657 Los Ninos Way
Los Altos, Cal. 94022
May 9, 1973

Republican National Committee
Washington, D.C.

MAY 14 1973

Attention: George Bush

Dear Mr. Bush:

I have been a registered republican all my life. Now, I am ashamed to be a part of my own party. This is to let you know that one (who has been made to feel, incidentally, a nothing by the party) is going to change (I hope others do, also). I shall reregister as a democrat, and hope that they are somewhat more honest and democratic than the republican party seems to be.

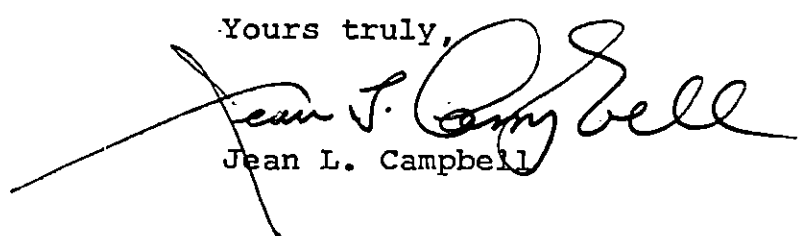
It has been a curious thing to me that I have not been contacted by the republicans (at least I do not remember being so) for contributions. Now, I wonder if the reason is that this "great" party does not need us so-called "little people" with the huge and secret monies apparently contributed by "fat cats." I just wonder.

Not only is this Watergate thing a disgrace and frightening, but also the dirty disruption of opponents in the last campaign is MOST serious. I care more about democracy than I do a party; apparently, the republican leaders do not.

The President's speech was among other things, sentimental; his reference to the other party as having done things was counter-attack, political foolery and beside-the-point at this time. I was embarrassed, disappointed and disgusted.

If you really care about this country and the ideals I grew up believing, I wish you good luck; I hope you can restore people's confidence in both the party and in a much bigger thing--this country's government.

Yours truly,


Jean L. Campbell

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Canon, E. B. Jr.
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Watergate

April 30, 1973

Dear Mr. Canon:

It was great hearing from you and I appreciate your good wishes on my appointment as Republican National Committee Chairman. I'm really enjoying my new assignment.

I believe Mr. Nixon's speech last night put the entire Watergate episode in proper perspective. It was his most statesmanlike and courageous appeal to principle. He accepted full responsibility and pledged, as he had done previously, to do everything possible to see that justice is done.

We must not let Watergate obscure the many accomplishments of the Nixon Administration. I am enclosing a copy of a press release containing some excerpts from a speech I made at the National Press Club, which I hope you will take time to read.

Although the Watergate symbolizes everything that I oppose in politics, I am convinced the Republican Party can weather this storm. Further, I'm convinced that if the matter is promptly cleared up -- and I think it will be -- that the Republican Party will emerge strong and undamaged. I really feel this way.

Thanks for taking the time to express your concern. It's always good to hear from old friends from Houston.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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Attention: Mr. Geo. Bush, Chairman

APR 20 1973

George--

In the past I've written you many times, while you were my Congressman. Each answer I received from you was very satisfying, now I hope that you can satisfy still another question.

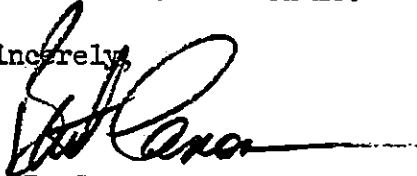
My question concerns Watergate and our Republican Party in future elections.

I supported the President in '72 as did most Americans, in spite of Watergate. Now that he has been re-elected, I'm concerned about his answers to charges involving the Committee for the Re-Election and the "bug-in". I believe Barry Goldwater was right when he spoke of the dangers to the Party if the President keeps answering "Executive Privilege".

Now my question, can you, in your newest capacity, influence the President and/or anyone else involved to answer satisfactorily the charges of Democrats and a growing number of Republicans.

Good Luck on your new position. Glad to see a Houstonian make it big. Any time you think that I could be of help to you or the Party, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,



E. B. Canon, Jr.

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Carson, Tera Mae
Watergate

July 6, 1973

heart
Dear Miss Carson:

I have your heart-warming letter of June 17, and I deeply appreciate your kind words in my behalf.

The Watergate (a sordid affair 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. The criminal justice system will work in this country and the truth will be revealed. The guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated. I deeply believe in our political process and don't want to see it sullied by the handiwork of a few men who apparently were totally lacking in judgment.

Thank you again for your great letter. It means a lot.
Really!

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Miss Tera Mae Carson
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Dallas, Texas

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June 14, 1973

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The Honorable George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I read with considerable interest your interview
with U.S. News & World Report reporters published in their
June 4, 1973 issue.

You are to be complimented on your sound and forth-
right answers. I also viewed Sunday your appearance on "Face
the Nation" and you are certainly to be congratulated for the
manner in which you handled this assignment.

We are not discouraged in Texas over "Watergate"
and I found much this same feeling on a recent trip to
California.

You do have a difficult job, but one we know our
own George Bush can and will handle.

Sincerely yours,

Tera Mae Carson
Tera Mae Carson

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Carstens, A. S.
Watergate⁸

April 23, 1973

Mr. A. S. Carstens
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Dear Mr. Carstens:

I got your recent letter. Since then I'm sure you saw the President's statement that he wants this matter cleaned up, that he's going to send his aides to the Hill to testify, and that the wrong-doers will be punished. This has gone a long way to clearing the air on this insidious Watergate mess. You and I agree that it's bad for the party, it's bad for politics, and it's bad for the Presidency. It's a regrettable incident, but the main thing is that the President has moved decisively to eliminate all charges of cover-up. I'm sure you agree with this. Thanks for a very thoughtful letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Mr. George Bush
Republican National Chairman
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Bush: —

I enclose some clippings
with which I and several of my good
conservative friends heartily agree.
I have contributed substantially to
all Republican campaigns, worked
in several presidential campaigns
as precinct organizers over many
precincts. The President must stop
doubt-talk-act no matter
who it hits. This can ruin all
the good this administration
has done.

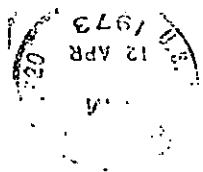
Get rid of those kids
and evil guys in the White
House and get some people with
common sense and integrity

Sincerely

A. S. Carstens



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W. S. Carstens
A. S. Carstens

It's All Very Simple — Really

3/18/73

With all the revelations bursting forth from the Senate confirmation hearings on the President's nominee for FBI director, L. Patrick Gray III, some readers may be confused about the President's position on FBI investigations. We'll attempt to clear up the confusion.

First of all, Mr. Nixon has declared flatly that the FBI should be kept out of politics. So it can be assumed that the fact that Mr. Gray had dabbled a bit in Republican politics before his appointment as acting director last year had no influence on his selection.

Second, Press Secretary Ron Ziegler last week expressed the White House's "concern" about the release by Mr. Gray of "raw, unevaluated material" from the FBI's files to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is conducting the confirmation hearing. So we can only conclude that the bundles of Watergate investigatory data that the White House asked for, and got, from the FBI last year contained nothing that was either "raw" or "unevaluated."

Third, the White House made it clear that it wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI's investigation of the Watergate incident, in which Nixon campaign and White House hirelings were implicated in a bugging break-in of a Democratic headquarters. So we have to assume that White House demands that its attorneys sit in on the FBI's Watergate case interviews with White House staffers grew merely out of a desire to be helpful. No importance should be attached to the affidavit of a former Nixon campaign employee, Judith Hoback, saying she was called on the carpet after the White House somehow got word that she had had two private chats with the FBI without benefit of White House counsel.

Fourth, the President says he will invoke Executive privilege to prevent present and "former" White House aides from testifying before Congress.

Since the President had earlier stated that he would not use Executive privilege to prevent "embarrassing" information from being made available to Congress we can be sure that there was nothing embarrassing in the conduct of White House lawyer John W. Dean III, the man who requested the FBI's Watergate data. Nor should we assume that in carefully including "former" White House staff members, anyone had in mind Dwight L. Chapin, Mr. Nixon's former appointments secretary. (The Judiciary Committee voted unanimously yesterday to invite Mr. Dean to testify, but most members doubted that he would accept.)

Finally, we are left with Mr. Gray's revelation to the committee that Herbert W. Kalmbach, a California legal counselor to Mr. Nixon, had told the FBI he gave \$30,000 to \$40,000 to Donald H. Segretti, who had been linked to undercover Republican campaign efforts that apparently involved fun and games at the Democrats' expense. Mr. Kalmbach said the payment was made at the direction of Mr. Chapin, and we have already been assured there was nothing "embarrassing" about his conduct. Anyway, this revelation is "raw" and "unevaluated."

We hope we've made clear that this administration, like all others before it, feels very strongly about keeping the FBI out of politics. This bit of high-mindedness explains why former Presidents showed such solicitude to J. Edgar Hoover. The fact that he was the previous custodian of all that "raw and unevaluated" data had nothing to do with it. (Actually, the more we think about the whiff of grapes that Mr. Gray has given the White House the less we worry about our previous reservations over his appointment.)

If there still is some confusion over the White House position, all we can say is that we've tried to put it as simply as possible. The official explanations are entirely clear if only you can utterly suspend disbelief.

Wall St. Journal

ART BUCHWALD

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Watergate: The Butler Did It

Peter Falk playing his famous role of Columbo walked into the East Room of the White House in his dirty raincoat and flashed his police card. "Inspector Columbo," he said showing it to President Nixon. "Say, this sure is a nice house you got here. How much does a place like this cost?"

"I'm having a private party for my staff," the President said indignantly. "What do you want?"

"Oh, I really apologize," Columbo said. "I didn't mean to come busting in on a party. Say, is that a real oil painting of George Washington? It's a fantastic work of art — don't get me wrong, I don't know anything about painting."

"Will you state your business, Inspector?"

"I'm just making some routine inquiries about the Watergate bugging case. You see, I'm on loan to the Senate investigating committee from the Los Angeles Police Department. It will only take a few minutes."

"We have nothing to hide here," the President said. "This is my assistant, H. R. Haldeman, my legal aide, John Dean III, my former assistant, Charles Colson, the former secretary of commerce, Maurice Stans, and the former attorney general, John Mitchell, and his wife Martha."

"This is really a great honor," Columbo said. "I never thought I would get to meet so many important people. Wait till I tell my wife. She's really going to be bowled over."

"What exactly is it you want to know?" the President asked.

"Oh, yes," Columbo said, taking out his pad and pencil. "Now let me see."

Martha Mitchell said, "Inspector, I'd like to tell you a few things, about the Watergate."

"Martha, will you shut up?" John Mitchell interrupted.

"They're not going to hang this on my John," Martha said.

"Martha!"

"Can I offer you a drink, Inspector?" the President asked.

"Just some orange juice. If you've got it, Mr. President, I have a bad stomach. You know in this job you never eat properly. Last night I had a tuna fish sandwich on a roll and —"

"Will you get on with it, Inspector?" H. R. Haldeman said.

"I'm sorry, where was I? Oh yes, now about the Watergate. This is just routine, you understand, but where were each of you the night of the break-in?"

"I was watching Patton," the President said.

"I was in Mexico City at a bank," Maurice Stans said.

"I was reading FBI files," John Dean III said.

"I was cutting the budget," H. R. Haldeman replied.

"I'll tell you where John was," Martha Mitchell said.

"Martha, clam up," John Mitchell said.

"Well if I don't tell him, I'll tell United Press," Martha said.

"You see," Columbo said, shutting his notebook. "I knew this would all be a waste of time. I told them no one in the White House knows anything about the Watergate. Say, that is some rug. Do you mind if I take a picture of it to show the folks in Los Angeles?"

Just then the butler came in with Columbo's glass of orange juice.

"Thank you very much," Columbo said to the butler. "I didn't get your name."

"Alfonse, sir."

"Where were you on the night of the break-in, Alfonse?"

"I was polishing the silver."

"You're lying, Alfonse. You were at the Watergate."

"See here, Columbo," the President said, you're relying on hearsay evidence."

"No, I'm not, Mr. Presi-

dent. This coaster that the orange juice was served on says 'Property of the Watergate Bar and Grill.'"

"My God," said H. R. Haldeman, "the butler did it."

"Why didn't we think of that?" John Dean III said.

"Thank heavens, Columbo, you discovered the culprit," John Mitchell said. "Now we can all sleep tonight."

"Martha, Mitchell piped, 'Wait a minute, Mr. Columbo, there's a lot more to this than you think.'"

"Pammit Martha!" yelled John Mitchell. "Will you keep your big trap shut?"



BY STEWART ALSOP

OUR SUPEREROGATORY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON—The word "Watergate" has become a portmanteau word for all the rascally shenanigans indulged in by supporters of President Nixon, supposedly in the interests of re-electing him. A lot of details about the grubby affair are being uncovered, and there are more to come, but two mysteries remain.

The first mystery is this: as Nixon himself told a reporter before the election, as soon as it was clear that George McGovern would be the Democratic candidate, it was also clear that Nixon would win, and big. So how could any sane person suppose that it was to the President's advantage to bug Larry O'Brien's office, to pay college kids to work as spies in the McGovern headquarters, and the like?

The second mystery is this: from the beginning, the Nixon campaign managers had money coming out of their ears, their eyeballs and every other mentionable orifice. So how could any sane person suppose that it was to the President's advantage to cut legal corners, to take large sums from suspected crooks or to cart great mounds of cash around in suitcases?

It may be that there are no sensible answers to these questions, except that seemingly sane people sometimes act in an insane way. And yet it is interesting to speculate about the answers. The place to start is with the President himself. It seems safe to assume that the President had no detailed knowledge, and more probably no knowledge at all, of what was going on.

OBVIOUS

Mr. Nixon is not at all a fool. It therefore seems obvious that if he had known about the bugging, the money washing, and all the other hanky-panky, he would have recognized the danger instantly, and put a stop to it.

And yet the President sets the tone of his Administration, as an experienced hostess sets the tone of her party. The President has, and always has had, one unvarying characteristic—an almost ungovernable impulse to indulge in supererogation. He has a compulsion to go too far, to try too hard, to press, as the athletes say, when he ought to hang loose.

In the 1934 Whittier College yearbook, there is an easily recognizable photograph of a skinny football player with a ski-jump nose and a do-or-die

expression. Nixon was, by all accounts, a terrible football player—he was used as a sort of animated tackling bag by the better players, and he hardly ever got into a game. When he did, a football lineman who was a Nixon classmate once told me: "I always braced myself for those 5-yard penalties. Dick was so eager he'd be offside just about every play."

HALLMARK

The supererogatory impulse that took the young Nixon off side just about every play has been a hallmark of the President's career. The "old Nixon" was given to rather sleazy debating tricks ("Isn't it wonderful, finally, to have a Secretary of State who isn't taken in by the Communists?"). This sort of thing was not worth a vote to him—in fact, the memory of the "old Nixon" probably elected John Kennedy in 1960. So the things the President said and did in the "rocking, socking" campaigns of his youth seem less a matter of cool calculation than of impulse, of some inner necessity.

These days, the supererogatory impulse takes a somewhat different form. It has repeatedly led him to go too far, to exaggerate each achievement in such a way as to leave him vulnerable later. He called the Apollo 11 flight "the greatest week in the history of the world since the Creation." This irked his friend Billy Graham and other churchmen, since it rather downgraded the birth of Christ.

He called the Smithsonian agreement (which subsequently collapsed) "the most significant monetary agreement in the history of the world." He has endlessly reiterated that the settlement in Vietnam, a major achievement for which he deserves much credit, is "peace with honor." It is not peace, and he will be left vulnerable when it becomes clear that it is not peace.

A President with a supererogatory impulse attracts around him people with a similar impulse to overdo, to press, to indulge in the superfluous. Charles Colson cannot have helped much with the grandmother vote, when he said that "I would walk over my grandmother if necessary" to insure Nixon's re-election, but the remark was typical enough of a lot of over-eager young men in the Nixon entourage.

"In the campaign, there were maybe a couple of hundred young guys in the

White House or near it you and I never heard of," says a Republican senator. "They'd all walk over their grandmothers to elect Nixon, and most of them think a liberal Democrat is next thing to a Communist."

The "couple of hundred young guys" were strictly political amateurs, like the bell-bottomed McGovern youths, initially hailed as geniuses by the gullible press. Like McGovern's bell-bottoms, Nixon's button-downs were essentially ideologues, with the tunnel vision that always leads ideologues to muck things up.

President Nixon has always had curiously few true political pros in his inner circle. In campaign time, the only pro fairly close to the throne was Clark MacGregor, who wisely but futilely argued for a policy of lancing the Watergate boil by indignant full disclosure right away.

AMATEURS

The other old hands were amateurs. Like many men with long faces who smoke pipes and grunt a lot, John Mitchell acquired a reputation for political shrewdness, but the only thing he did to earn it was to follow his wife's advice to get away from "all those dirty things that go on." Maurice Stans is undeniably expert at squeezing the fat cats, but he squeezed them in such a way as to cause maximum embarrassment to his principal.

Add to the supererogatory impulse and political amateurishness a dash of Walter Mittyism—it is clear that some of the CREEP types who went in for bugging telephones and lugging cash around in suitcases had been watching too much private-eye television—and you have a recipe for disaster. One wonders if the President realizes just how disastrous it may be to his prestige and authority when the Sam Ervin show hits the television screens.

There is a sadness here. President Nixon is an intelligent, able, hard-working man who, as Walter Lippmann said recently, has "done pretty well" at playing a "disagreeable role ... imposed upon him by historical necessity." In some ways, he has done better than that. The extrication from Vietnam, the détente with the Communist powers, were great achievements. Yet the big things he has done may all be obscured by a silly, tawdry and purposeless exercise in political supererogation.

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929 Wyoming Ave.
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26 May 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush,

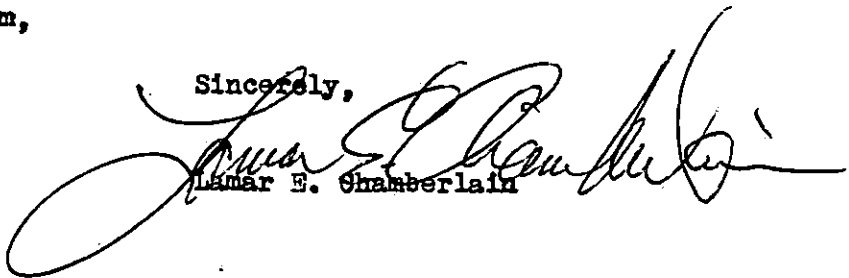
Thank you for your letter of May 22,1973 and for sending me "Some Recent Comments" all of which will be very helpful in discussions regarding events of the past few months.

Most people I have talked to say it would be a mistake for President Nixon to resign and they feel that it would be very damaging to the Country as well as to the Party if he should do so. I hope you are in close touch with the President and that you pass along the thoughts of many of us who are not able to talk to the President personally. I am asking my friends to write the White House and register their desires and particularly ask the President too continue his leadership through these trying times.

Your news release of April 25,1973 was most appropriate and I am sure it will have a good effect for a long time.

Thanking you, again , I am,

Sincerely,


Lamar E. Chamberlain

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Chamberlain, Lamar E

Watergate

May 22, 1973

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

Your thoughtful note concerning your theory on the Watergate story has been received and noted.

Now that the Special Prosecutor has been named, I'll be happy to pass your thinking on to him for his investigation. Needless to say, this has been a trying time for the Party and especially the President. However, in my opinion, he has moved courageously and forcefully, and I believe we will get this ugly Watergate matter behind us soon and go on to much more productive pursuits.

I am attaching some statements I've made on the matter which I think put things in their proper perspective as far as "Barty" goes.

Thanks for taking the time to express your views. They are always welcome at the RNC.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mr. Lamar E. Chamberlain
929 Wyoming Avenue
West Pittston, Pennsylvania 18643

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929 Wyoming Ave.
West Pittston, Pa. 18643
12 April 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush,

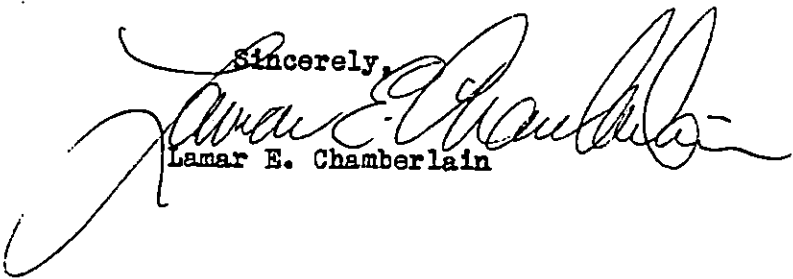
During the past week the news reports have been to the effect that you do not believe the President had any thing to do with the Watergate affair. All people that that I have talked to believe the same thing.

I have a theory on the Watergate story and it goes like this: Suppose someone in the Democratic ranks would want to discredit the GOP by a caper that would get national attention? What better way than to set the Watergate stage for such an act? This someone would have had an inside track on the whole operation. He could have then brought in a few prominent Republicans and arranged for them to be caught in the act.

I am bringing this to your attention since I believe you are in a position to have an investigator look into the facts surrounding the very first acts which launched the affair.

With all best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,


Lamar E. Chamberlain

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Chapin, Eve S
8
Watergate

May 15, 1973

Miss Eve S. Chapin
2200 Pinewood Circle
Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

Dear Miss Chapin:

Thank you for your recent letter and for sending along your views on the Watergate. They were frank and direct, and I appreciate that.

I for one am just as disgusted at the whole mess as you are. From the very beginning I have called for the entire matter to be cleaned up. The President has pledged that he will do all possible to see that justice is done in this affair and that the guilty bear full responsibility for their actions. To my knowledge, the Party itself did not participate in this ugly mess, and I find it more than a little unfair when I see a blanket charge of guilt cast over an entire group because of the infidelity and violation of high trust by a few individuals.

In response to your suggestion that Washington thinks the "average citizen is a dummy", I do not believe that and the fact that I read as much mail as I can, think about it and personally respond to it reflects that feeling. I have learned a great deal from the many people who have written me and find they have very valuable suggestions and keen observations to offer. This does not mean that our views always coincide, but the beauty of our system is that we are all entitled to our own views.

I would urge you, a responsible and concerned individual, not to deny yourself your official say in the American political system by declining to vote. You can be assured that you will make a difference whichever way you may choose to cast your ballot. It is your responsibility. I feel very strongly about that, not only as Chairman of the Republican Party but as an American citizen.

Thank you very much for being so forthright in your letter. Your views are always welcome.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Dear Mr Bush

RZ
MAY 3 1973

This is to let you know
that there is at least one average
citizen out here who is even
MORE upset by Watergate than
is the press. And if you don't think
it is hurting the party - I'm here to
tell you that next time I'm voting
for a Democrat - or staying home.
I believe that anyone remotely
connected with this terrible Hitler -
like activity ought to be barred
from holding public office ever
again, and if Nixon knew - he
ought to be impeached. The

people in Washington think that
the average American is a
dummy - content to lap at the
welfare trough. We have taken one
thing after another - lies, deceit,
continuing war - unbelievable
prices, falling stock market &
Mr Bush - I'm fed up.

I look forward to the next
election!

Sincerely

Eve S. Chapin
2200 Pinerood Cir
Charlotte NC 28211

*Charlton, C. Knight
Background of
Watergate Comm*

July 26, 1973

Mr. C. Knight Charlton
2511 Willowick
Apartment 324
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Charlton:

This will acknowledge your letter expressing your belief that the rank and file Americans would be very much interested in the background of the staff members of the Senate Watergate Committee.

We will bring your letter to the attention of the Editor of our publication, FIRST MONDAY, for further evaluation and consideration of your recommendation.

We greatly appreciate your taking time out to give us the benefit of your views.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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C. KNIGHT CHARLTON

2511 WILLOWICK

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77027

APB#
July 18, 1973

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

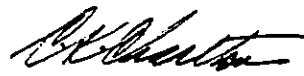
JUL 18 1973

Dear Mr. Bush,

Within the past few days we have learned that Mr. Lenzner of the Watergate Committee staff was a defense attorney for Father Berrigan. The American public has had practically no information about the staff members and certainly the News Media is not going to disclose any anti- Nixon bias. Can FIRST MONDAY or some other publication list and describe the background, experience, "causes", and other pertinent data on the various staff members or would that be "counter productive"?

Actually in these days of propaganda instead of news the American people are entitled to know the background and bias of the "sources" of the information that is given to us.

Sincerely,



C. K. Charlton

*Chiu, John
Watergate*

July 6, 1973

Mr. John Chiu
7701 - 40th Avenue, N.W.
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Mr. Chiu:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of June 29.

One of the things I hate most about this Watergate mess is that it seems to be obscuring the fine accomplishments of the Nixon Administration -- the things you mentioned, plus a lot of other achievements I am proud of. The President was so busy last year with so many weighty matters -- ending the war, opening lines of communication with the Chinese and improving our relations with Russia, as well as with the many day-to-day problems of state -- that I can well believe he turned his entire campaign operation over to men he trusted, men who had served him well in the past, men he had no reason to doubt.

Certainly those who will be proved guilty of wrongdoing served the President and the country ill. But I consider it completely unfair to hold him responsible for their breach of faith. I think he should be judged rather on his accomplishments and his own actions. I believe his statements of innocence and feel he should be accorded the same rights as other citizens -- considered innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

Watergate troubles us all greatly, Mr. Chiu. But the worst effect it can have will be if we allow it to weaken our faith in the American political system or to destroy one of our great political parties. The Republican Party, the Republican National Committee were not involved. Our candidates and

Mr. John Chiu

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July 6, 1973

officeholders were not involved. Only a handful of misguided people at the campaign committee were involved. We must not let their actions obscure the record of this administration or the history of the Republican Party.

Please reconsider, Mr. Chiu, and continue your support of the Party, or at least wait until all the facts are in to draw your final conclusions. We do need your help and support,,and I hope you'll not penalize the Party and our candidates because of the wrong acts of a few.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

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7701-40th Ave. N.E.
Seattle, Wash. 98115
June 29, 1973

JUL 3 1973

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

Your letter of May 22 concerning the Watergate incident was received by me about a month ago. I deferred my response to the letter for 2 reasons. First, I wanted to watch how the Watergate case developed. Second, I did not know how to respond to your letter for I could ^{not} formulate my opinion toward the case. Now I know what to say.

First, I must report to you that I am very disappointed by President Nixon's deplorable way of handling the Watergate mess. I have supported him and the Republican Party for some time until now. I am grateful to him for his accomplishments (Vietnam pull-out and foreign policy innovations) during 1971-2. His criticism of the media press seems warranted. His important positions during the 1972 presidential election were

far superior to Senator Mc Govern's. In spite of these, I now have lost my faith in President Nixon. I no longer believe in what he says. He should resign immediately ^{and the Nation will suffer greatly.} If not, he will not be an effective leader. This is not saying that he is guilty of the Water gate crimes. I do not know if he is. But, if he knew the sordid affair, he is crooked; if he did not, he is very inept. Either way, he should not be our leader. It troubles me greatly that we now have a President whom I cannot trust.

My considered position is that I can no longer support the Republican Party with Mr. Nixon as its leader. I will consider resuming my support of the party as soon as some one else replaces him as its leader. There are quite a few promising men in the party to be its leader, such as Agnew, Rockefeller, Goldwater Reagan, Mr. Bush yourself, even Connally. I will be waiting for the leading Republicans to act soon by asking or forcing Mr. Nixon to resign. If this does not happen, I would be forced to support relatively conservative Democrats such as Senator Jackson.

Sincerely yours,

John Chiv
(CHIU)

Christensen, Mrs. Golda
8
Not part of
Watergate

May 15, 1973

Mrs. Golda Christensen
Box 286
Grace, Indiana 46619

Dear Mrs. Christensen:

Your recent note to the Republican National Committee did not go unnoticed, and I wanted to thank you for writing.

We have been trying through endless speeches, many public appearances, and newspaper articles to be sure that the RNC is kept separate from the sordidness of the Watergate. I have been citing the very positive accomplishments of the Republican Party that are going on right now during the height of the Watergate attention. Sometimes I feel it's like shouting during the midst of a hurricane. But the Party will weather the storm, and the American criminal justice system will work. We are not going to stop trying for long after the culprits of the Watergate are forgotten what people will remember is that the American justice system works in this country. In the meantime, I simply will not stand idly by and allow this mess to obscure the many positive accomplishments of the Party and the Administration. We have an important task ahead of us in 1974.

You are right and we agree. My thanks for taking the time to write and for your continued support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

CORRESPONDENCE

MAY 10 1972

National Rep. Committee

Get on the ball!

Why do you let the Democrats grill our President over a little "bugging"?

Don't the Republicans have a lawyer?

a dyer in the wool

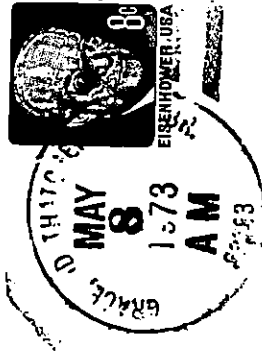
Republican

Linda Christensen

Box 284

Grace, Ind.

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Republican National Committee

310 First Street S.E.

Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. Ciriaco
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Watergate

May 9, 1973

Mrs. Ciriaco
14 Caryn Place
Fairfield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ciriaco:

Thank you for calling my office last week and for expressing yourself concerning the Watergate incident. Your comments have been brought to my attention and I very much appreciate your letting me know how you feel about this matter.

First, keep in mind that the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-Elect the President are two separate entities. I am convinced that the RNC was in no way involved in this matter. 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.

The Republican office holders who have been critical of the handling of the Watergate matter are doing so out of conviction. They too want to see the whole matter cleaned up. I consider myself a very loyal Republican, but I don't consider the bugging of Democrat headquarters to be the kind of thing we should condone or cover up. I know that the President feels this way, and I'm sure, Mrs. Ciriaco that you too feel this way. With the events in recent days, fair play dictates a balanced look at this whole affair. I worry about smearing innocent people before the grand jury calls the witnesses. The entire case is now in the hands of our criminal justice system, which I am confident will clear up the matter completely. I fully support the President in his efforts to clean this incident up promptly, and I join him in his determination that such abuses of our great American political system will not be allowed to contaminate our electoral process in the future.

Although the Watergate symbolizes everything that I oppose in politics, I am convinced the Republican Party can weather this storm. I think that we must not underestimate the stamina of the American people and I am confident that this country will emerge strong and undamaged from a very painful episode. I really feel this way. I don't believe the Republican Party will be permanently damaged.

Mrs. Ciriaco

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May 3, 1973

All our efforts at the Republican National Committee are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74. We need your help and your support now and in the future. I'll do my level best to merit your support and confidence.

Your very truly,

George Bush

P.S. I am enclosing some statements of mine on the Watergate. You said your son was interested. That's great. We need young people involved in the Party.

Clampett, Bruce
7-8
No mailing of
Watergate defense
material

July 25, 1973

Mr. Bruce Clampett, Chairman
Hardin County Republican Committee
New Providence, Iowa 50206

Dear Mr. Clampett:

A member of my staff told me of your telephone call.
First, let me thank you for taking the time to call.

I would like to emphatically state that no such letter,
solicitation or mailing of the type you described has
ever gone out from Republican National Committee
Headquarters. Nor do we intend to make any such
solicitation in order to raise funds to help defend any
Watergate participants.

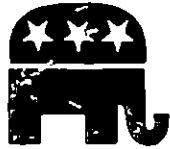
We appreciate your interest, Mr. Clampett, and
should any solicitations of the type you describe
come to your attention we would be grateful if you
would let us know.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

JJ





7/25/73

GB -

A Mr. Bruce Clampett of New Providence, Iowa (50206) called. He is Chairman of the Hardin County RNC out there. He said that the Editor of one of their local newspapers received a solicitation by mail requesting funds to help defend the Water-gate participants. Unfortunately, the Editor did not keep the letter nor a copy.

I told him such a letter did not emanate from the RNC and he requested that you write ~~such~~ ^{him} a letter corroborating this fact.

jj

Clapp. E. H. II
8
Watergate.

June 4, 1973

Mr. E. H. Clapp II
78 Arnold Road
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts 02181

Dear Mr. Clapp:

I wanted to let you know how much your letter of May 14th was appreciated.

These are very difficult times for our country. The Watergate, an ugly mess which I in no way condone, was the product of a few misguided, very irresponsible individuals who apparently were totally lacking in judgment, who served neither the President nor our country well.

Those misdeeds should not be allowed to obscure the many positive accomplishments of the President; should not be allowed to taint even in the smallest way a good, honest Republican Party which was not involved in the wrongdoing. Mr. Clapp, I have been saying those things in endless public speeches, public appearances and newspaper articles, but it is not always printed. We are making progress, and I, along with most of our good Republican Governors, Senators, and Members of Congress continue to remind the public that perspective should not be lost, especially during this troubled time.

It is true the Democrats have in the past taken advantage of the system and have done unworthy deeds. It is my hope that whatever unworthy deeds have been done and, which are within the scope of the Ervin Committee, will also be brought to light. We will provide what information we have to the Committee, and I hope you too will provide them with any factual information you might have.

I do believe that out of the Watergate affair will come not only a strengthening of our American system and its political process, but also an American conscience that will be more scrupulous. The culprits of the Watergate will bear the responsibility for the law they broke, but all of us, including

June 4, 1973

those individuals mentioned in your letter, will bear more strongly the responsibility of preserving and bettering our great American system which has long served us well.

I am enclosing some examples of the kinds of statements I have been making which I thought would be of interest to you.

Thank you for writing and for your continued confidence and support. It means a lot.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

gb/mj

78 ARNOLD ROAD
WELLESLEY HILLS 02181

May 14, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

Isn't it time that the

Republicans take the offense on the Watergate
Affair?

Everyone has lost sight of ~~it~~ and
never mentions the timing of Watergate!

A Democrat book had shot George
Wallace and said that his first target was
really President Nixon!

Black Panthers, The Chicago 7, William
Kunstler, Ramsey Clark, Angela Davis, Joe
Ford, K. K. K., S. J. S. are all + were
part of the Democrat Party. Many of these
are arsonists, forgers and murderers.

Should not the F. B. I., Secret Service

And the concerned agencies and people
he intended a hearing what these happenings
at I suspect H. R. - for some of all these
American failure, arbitrators, and that people?
My family of four kids as:

Sincerely,

George W. Bush II

Clark, Captain Robt
8
Watergate
Defense funds not
from RNC

June 21, 1973

Captain Robert Lee Clark, USAF
P.S.C. Box 6364
APO San Francisco 96304

Dear Captain Clark:

I can assure you that no money donated to the Republican National Committee will be used to pay any legal fees whatsoever as a result of the Watergate fiasco.

I can tell from your letter how deeply you feel about Watergate, and I can only assure you that I feel even more strongly. I have said so openly over and over again, and I'm enclosing a copy of some of my recent statements.

I disagree with you when you say the Republican Party does not want a free and open government. The Party is clean on Watergate, and I'm doing my level best to keep it that way. I am convinced that if the Republican National Committee had had anything to do with the past campaign, the cloud that now hangs over the political process would not be there.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosure

GB:jj

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Mr. Bush



PSC Box 6364
APO SF 96304
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Dear Mr. Bush - I am not going to contribute any further money to the Republican Party until I am sure that contributions will not be used to pay legal fees or judgments resulting from the Watergate fiasco. I feel sick to think that the money I have already contributed helped, in some small way, to subvert our government.

I'm flying combat in SE Asia to insure that people have a free and open government. The top leaders in the Republican Party don't seem to go along with these principles. Perhaps, the leaders of the Democratic Party don't go along with them either. So I'll wait to see if the guilty parties are identified, and pay their own defenses, their own fines, and their own judgments.

The Party isn't at fault - the leaders, personally, are.

Sincerely,

Robert Lee Clark, Captain, USAF

G.B. - This is the fellow we
urate to after - He thinks
you should answer.



SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Yes, I wish to continue as a member of the Republican Sustaining Committee. Enclosed is my contribution for:

☆ \$15.00 ☆ \$100.00
 ☆ \$25.00 ☆ ____ (OTHER)
 ☆ \$50.00

Please send me a receipt.

CAPT R L CLARK
 PSC BOX 6364
 APO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 96304

HONORABLE TRAVIS HTEBLUD
 Austin, TX 78704

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Membership entitles you to receive FIRST MONDAY, the official monthly publication of the Republican Party and a membership card.

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For record purposes, please fill in the information below:

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Employer (if any) USAF

City Udon RTAFB, Thailand State ____

A copy of our report filed with the Comptroller General will be available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402

Make check payable to: Republican National Finance Committee. (No corporation checks acceptable.)

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May 24, 1973

Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee.

Watergate

Dear Sir:

I am a 52 year old, rather conservative
modest income person who thought that
political participation of little amounts
and little people was important.

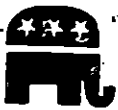
I watch Congress vote away money
from the President's bombing and today
is the 77th day of continued disregard.

I watch Watergate with horror,
absolute horror.

I watch my family budget disintegrate
with higher taxes and higher prices.
I guarantee I will never contribute
to any political campaign and I and
my family will vote for every
Democrat on the ticket. We wish
there were a third party of

(21)
Americans ~~to~~ vote for as the
strongest in beyond what I could
adequately express.
Sincerely yours
George W. Bush

P.S. I have a friend whose lost his business
in gasoline shortage. The 3,000,000 gallons
a day in bombing Cambodia is greatly
more than we are going to look at our
priorities.



Republican
National
Committee.

Cleary, L.X.

George Bush, Chairman

March 29, 1973

Mr. L. X. Cleary
3066 Sloat Road
Pebble Beach, California

Dear Mr. Cleary:

Your comments concerning the Watergate affair have been brought to my attention since I have just recently been elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

I do not like incidents that give politics a bad name. I believe they are very isolated and rare. People who degrade politics are very, very few and are in no way typical of the many honorable men and women of both parties who have chosen politics as their way to serve their country.

Having served in politics many years in a number of different capacities, I look upon it as a noble profession. Politics is, after all, basic to our free system of government, and my experience at the United Nations, where I worked with representatives of 131 different governmental systems, reinforced my belief that ours is the best by far.

Please don't lose faith in the Republican Party or our political system. Without your help we cannot succeed in our priority efforts to bring about a Republican majority in Congress in '74. I would be pleased if you reconsider and support the Sustaining Membership Program. We really do need you. I'll do my level best to merit your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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**Republican
National
Committee.**

George Bush, Chairman

May 22, 1973

*Clement, Don B.
8
Watergate*

Mr. Don B. Clement
Breezy Hill Road
Hillsdale, New York 12529

Dear Mr. Clement:

Your comments concerning the Watergate incident have been brought to my attention, and I very much appreciate your letting us know how you feel about this sordid matter.

First, keep in mind that the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-Elect the President are two separate entities. I am convinced that the RNC was in no way involved in this matter, and further I'm convinced that only a handful of misguided individuals were involved at the CRP. I strongly oppose what has happened. The President has taken decisive action and has guaranteed that this entire matter will be pursued until the guilty are convicted and the innocent cleared.

The sordidness of Watergate symbolizes everything I oppose in politics and everything I know you oppose. But I am confident the Republican Party will not suffer. The losers will be those who broke the law. They will not be the workers, Party members, or Republican officeholders who in no way were involved. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a number of statements prepared on the issue, as well as a statement listing some of the accomplishment of the Administration and the positive things that have been happening in the Party. We must not let Watergate obscure this splendid record.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74. We need your help and your support now and in the future. I'll do my level best to merit your confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
George Bush

"The Losers" will be the planners of this country. The other nations of the world! All Americans will suffer! Our prestige to high right next few years!

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news from the republican national committee

310 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 (202) 484-6500

FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY
 7 P.M., APRIL 25, 1973
 CONTACT: PETE ROUSSEL
 (202) 484-6664

RNC-036

BUSH CITES NIXON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The following are excerpts of remarks by Republican National Committee Chairman George Bush at a dinner meeting of the Republican Party of Delaware County in Springfield, Pa.

The record the President has made so far is one that even the many of us who had great faith in him did not predict when he entered the White House in 1969.

Let me list a few of these major accomplishments, just by way of reminder.

1. He has brought to an end -- and with honor -- the Vietnamese War, probably the most unfortunate one in our history, with the exception of the Civil War. Our troops are out of Vietnam and our prisoners are home. They have returned with a pride and faith in their country which is an inspiration to all of us.

President Nixon inherited the Vietnamese War. He inherited it under circumstances which led patriotic and thoughtful Americans to conclude that the only way out was surrender.

2. He has ended, perhaps permanently, the "cold war" with the Communist giants, Russia and The Peoples Republic of China. The tension of our strained relations with Russia and China meant that, because of some seemingly slight incident, World War III could begin and with it the nuclear holocaust which mankind might not survive.

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There has also been a change in our relations with Russia, one in which warmth has appeared after a long, long chill. Some phases of our grain sales to Russia have been criticized. Let me point out that these sales added little to food costs -- other factors have accounted for that.

Moreover, the Russian sales had a major favorable impact on our trade deficit. The prospect of increased agricultural exports to Russia, China, Japan and the European Economic Community offer the prospect of helping counter-balance a trade deficit which otherwise could grow and grow as our dependence upon foreign oil and gas rises in the years ahead.

3. President Nixon is leading a frontal attack against inflation. The President is determined to contain it... *if he can!*

Any hope of curbing inflation would be hopeless if the President did not have the courage to refuse to spend all the money which the Congress has authorized.

Government spending must be held within manageable proportions to avoid a tax increase.

Like Vietnam, inflation is another cactus spined problem inherited by the Nixon Administration. A Democratic Administration refused to raise taxes to help pay for the billions needed for the Vietnamese War. Then measures to try to remedy almost every social ill in the country sailed through Congress like clipper ships flying before a sturdy breeze. As the record now shows, billions of dollars were wasted. No wonder that restraint is needed. We must do everything we can to tell the Congress that the President is right when he insists excessive spending can be as ruinous to the nation as liquor is to an alcoholic.

*This is the one GREAT
TRUTH - buried in this
cacophony of words, words
words.*

The President has done a remarkable job. We, as Republicans, must do everything we can to make the public realize that fact. We as a party must send more Republicans to the Congress, many more, so that we can do away with the divisive partisanship which is inevitable when one party controls the Congress and another the Executive Branch of the Government. Fortunately, however, there are many office holders of both political persuasions who put the good of the country above party zeal.

Watergate will run its course. The country wants to know what has happened and why, and the President will see that they know.

Meanwhile, as Republicans, let us make sure that Watergate does not undermine the Republican Party. The fundamental point to remember is that the criminal justice system works.

Let us set as our own great objective in 1973 and 1974 the election of strong and honest Republican candidates the country over, including local officials, governors, Congressmen and Senators.

As Chairman of the Republican National Committee, I pledge you that we will give the Republicans here and over the nation every bit of help we can.

great pep talk



Republican National Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

TO: Republican Leaders

DATE: May 9, 1973

FROM: George Bush

GP

MEMORANDUM

What has become known as the Watergate affair is of great concern to all of us as Americans. As Republicans we perhaps feel it more deeply because through misunderstanding, through an unfortunate tendency to lump a complicated series of activities under one label, it has been made to appear that proven and alleged illegal activities were carried out under the auspices of the Republican Party.

That simply is not true. Watergate was the product of a few individuals. The Republican Party was not involved. The Republican National Committee was not involved; nor were the GOP House and Senate Campaign committees. Millions of Republicans who worked steadfastly for the re-election of President Nixon and for other GOP candidates at all levels of government were not involved.

President Nixon is determined to get at the whole truth of the matter. I believe in the President and in his statement to the American people that "justice will be pursued fairly, fully and impartially, no matter who is involved."

I believe, too, that in the end the Republican Party will not be permanently damaged. The Republican Party must not and will not be measured by the actions of a misguided few who in no way represent the Party.

Even at the height of Watergate there are positive events that demonstrate that our Party is not being judged on Watergate but on our programs, our policies, our officials and our accomplishments -- on the President's positive record.

We have a new Republican in Congress -- Don Young of Alaska -- who was elected to fill a seat that had been held by a Democrat. Republicans are winning in local elections across the country. Early figures in voter re-registration in Kentucky show the GOP almost even with the Democrats in one county in which the opposition has traditionally held a two to one advantage.

Party fund raising success reports are coming in from New York, Florida, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Michigan, Hawaii and other states -- all at the height of Watergate.

Major Democrats of both national and state-wide reputations are moving into the Republican Party. The RNC's professional staff conference last week had to turn away more than 100 people because of lack of space and attendance still was nearly twice that of last year.

All of these are positive testimony to the strength and vitality of our Party. They are proof that our Party is moving forward. And, it is moving forward because it represents the majority of Americans.

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A fact sheet listing all these recent successes is attached for your information and use.

In incidents like the Watergate affair, there are many personal tragedies. But the real tragedy for our Party will come if we allow Watergate to obscure the great record of not only this Administration, but of Republicans in Congress and in state and local offices throughout America.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared now toward strengthening our Party and electing Republicans in 1973 and 1974. It is my personal, and deepfelt hope that you and Republicans throughout the nation will join in that effort and will join in telling the positive story of the Republican Party as forcefully as possible.

We cannot allow Watergate to sidetrack our work.

REPUBLICAN GAINS IN 1973

ELECTIONS

--Don Young elected U.S. Representative from Alaska in special election March 6, 1973, by 52.3 percent of the vote. Took over a seat previously held by a Democrat.

--James Stevenson elected Mayor of Ann Arbor, Mich., against a Democrat and a candidate of a left-wing splinter group by 47.1 percent of the vote.

--Mayor John H. Reading of Oakland, Calif., came only 83 votes short of a clear majority in an election April 18, 1973, between four candidates. He received 55,000 votes to 21,000 for his nearest opponent.

--Bob Hydrick was elected Mayor of Columbus, Ga., recently with 68 percent of the vote cast.

--In a recent election in Alexandria, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C., two Republicans were re-elected to the city council.

FUND RAISING

--A fund raising breakfast for GOP legislative candidates was recently held in Pennsylvania at which \$47,000 was raised. More than 400 people attended -- compared to a similar event last year at which 225 people attended raising \$19,000. Also in Pennsylvania, the recent Lincoln Day Dinner -- the first in five years -- raised \$70,000.

--In Suffolk County, N.Y., 6,000 people attended a fund raising dinner at which Vice President Agnew was the speaker.

--Michigan has more than doubled this year the amount of funds the Party usually expects to raise.

--A fund raising dinner for Senator Charles McC. Mathias recently in Baltimore was a tremendous success.

--The Republican Party of Hawaii has held the most successful fund raising dinner in its history.

--Another tremendously successful fund raiser was held in Minnesota recently.

CONFERENCES

--The RNC's most successful Professional Staff Conference ever was held in late April in Washington, D.C. More than 100 state and Party officials who waited too long to apply had to be turned away

because of the outpouring of acceptances to the conference from around the country. Approximate attendance figures for the last three conferences are: 1971 -- 100; 1972 -- 150; 1973 -- 230.

--Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New York organizations have held leadership conferences with great turnouts and a great deal of enthusiasm.

REGISTRATION

--In the only state in which post-1972 Presidential election registration samples can be taken, Kentucky which this year is requiring voters to re-register, the GOP is making tremendous gains. In Jefferson County (Louisville), early results show Democrat and Republican registration even. In the past, Democrats have outnumbered Republicans in the area by two to one.

PARTY AFFILIATION: SWITCHES

--Early in May of this year, a longtime Democrat Party leader, John Connally, switched his affiliation to the Republican Party.

--Jerry Thomas, who last year was President of the Democrat-controlled State Senate in Florida, has become a Republican.

--Bill Dudley, elected as a Democrat to the Virginia House of Delegates, has left that Party to become a Republican.

--Two former members of the Virginia House of Delegates, both Democrats, also have switched.

--Rayford Price, a former state representative for 12 years and former speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, has switched from the Democrat Party to the Republican Party.

talking paper

George Bush, Chairman

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
310 FIRST STREET, SOUTHEAST
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003

May 8, 1973

*** WATERGATE ***

What has become known as the Watergate affair is a subject of deep concern to all Americans. When emotions are running at fever pitch, we must approach the matter rationally and with some perspective. ~~THIS IS NOT TRUE~~

It is a deplorable, messy business that never should have happened -- that must not happen again. But the Republican Party was not involved. The Republican Party will not be involved.

The President has said both privately and publicly that he is determined to get at the whole truth of Watergate. There is no question that the whole truth will be known. ~~THIS ALSO, IS NOT TRUE. AND YOU KNOW IT!~~ The judicial system does work and it will continue to work. It will reach wherever is necessary -- whether it is high or low -- and it will ferret out the guilty.

And we can be firm in our conviction that in the end, Watergate will not permanently damage the Republican Party. The strength of the Republican Party must not be measured by the actions of a few misguided individuals who in no way represent the Party. ~~THIS IS PURE MARK & RKY - AND YOUR GROSS WRITER KNOWS IT~~

The strength of our Party lies in our elected officials, in our Party officials and in our programs, our policies and in our accomplishments. It lies in the President's positive record. In succeeding elections, it is the successes and policies of the individual candidates and of the Party that will determine the winners.

Already there have been elections that have demonstrated that the Party is strong. Even while the kettle of Watergate steamed, Don Young, a Republican, was elected U.S. Representative from Alaska -- taking over a seat that had been held by a Democrat. In several recent local elections, Republicans have defeated

Democrats. And just last week [5-2-73], John Connally, a longtime leader in the Democrat Party switched his allegiance to the Republican Party.

Watergate was the deciding factor in none of these instances. And none of these were flukes. They are clear proof that the Republican Party is moving forward. It is moving forward because it represents the majority views of the great majority of Americans.

There are, of course, many personal tragedies in Watergate. But the real tragedy for this Party would come if we allowed it to obscure the great record of not only this Administration, but of Republicans in Congress, in state houses, in state legislatures and in local governments.

In the last four years, America has made great strides toward the goal of a full generation of peace. A war has been ended. And despite the recent difficulties, it was ended with honor.

At home in the last four years of President Nixon's Administration -- a Republican Administration -- we have seen a new philosophy of government taking root -- a philosophy that says it is time after a decade of spending program after spending program to recognize that Washington cannot solve all of the problems of all of the people by spending more and more money.

These are the strengths of the Republican Party. Its individual members are the strength of the Republican Party. This is the Party that represents the desires of the majority of the American people. And the illegal activities of a handful of people who are connected with the Party are not going to change that.

Clemmons, H.
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Watergate

June 18, 1973

Mr. H. L. Clemmons
8721 Latimer Way
Fair Oaks, California 95628

Dear Mr. Clemmons:

Thank you for your letter of May 7. I very much appreciate your taking the time to write.

I agree that some of the Democrats and the media are not keeping this sordid Watergate affair in perspective, but I do feel strongly that this sort of grubby incident has no place in our political system.

I think your basic premise that we must not be on the defensive about Watergate is a sound one, but I think the best way to counter its effect is to talk about the positive accomplishments of President Nixon and his Administration. I've enclosed a couple of recent statements from the RNC about the Watergate and the Administration, which I hope will be of interest to you.

Thanks for sharing your views with us. I do appreciate your encouragement.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

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MAY 11 1973

8721 Latimer Way
Fair Oaks, California 95628
May 7, 1973

Chairman, Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It seems to me that the Democrats are going to play the Watergate case for all they can get out of it, unless something else comes up to take attention away from the crazy case. The best thing would be a story on the Democrats which would hit them real hard, and I think I have the answer to that.

During the campaign, Robert Dole, then Chairman made a speech on Friday January 21st, 1972, which was to place the blame for the Viet Nam war. This included the story of just how the Kennedy clan plotted the overthrow of Dien, knowing he and his brother would be killed during the take-over. This story was never published in the area, in fact very little of what the Republicans were saying was published, but any time you turned on the TV or Radio you got a report on McGovern and Shriver. Agnew's speeches didn't come through because all the time he was talking the reporter was yaking so you couldn't hear Agnew.

Now I suggest that you have copies made up of the whole speech and send them to all of the BIG newspapers in the country, or you might prefer to just copy the part from page 5 on, which is the story of the Pentagon papers. This places the whole thing in the laps of the Democrats, and when people hear about the plot which led to Diem's murder along with his brother, I think there will be a real shakeup, even the peace gangs, and all anti-war groups who were riding Nixon to death should wake up and place the blame where it belongs.

On page 12 there is a big error in my opinion, in the paragraph right above the heading, -LIBERAL INTELLECTUALISM, where he states, "I think those who cooperated with the Kennedy and Johnson administrations in trying to win the war," - Generals have testified they were not allowed to win, so we lost thousands of men because they were attacked while sitting there waiting for something to happen. So that should be changed to, "those who cooperated in not trying to win."

I would like to see the whole speech sent out, but you people can decide what is best, but at least get the Pentagon Papers story out to let the people all know what a dirty deal Kennedy pulled to get us into the war after Diem had insisted he did not want American soldiers sent over. That is an important part of it all. In my opinion the men were sent over to get them out of the country so the unemployment situation would look better. You can bring that out also.

Another thing you can throw at them is the Character assassination job they did on Herbert Hoover, when he was elected John Raskob set up a committee to criticize Hoover all during his administration, it turned out to be SMEAR, and was kept up the whole four years. Millions still believe the rotten lies because they won't read the other side of the story. Hoover was better qualified by experience and ability to do a good job than any man I can think of, but the Democrats thought more of the power, than they do of the country. Good luck to you. **HIT EM HARD.**

H. L. Clemmons

Clift, C. #
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Watergate

July 31, 1973

Mr. C. H. Clift
PO Box 5083
Dallas, Texas 75222

Dear Mr. Clift:

Thanks for your good letter. I was pleased to hear from you. I had not heard that Paxton Dunn was leaving the government.

I guess you're right when you say I don't have an easy job, but I think it's important work. I believe strongly in our two party system, and the Republican principles are just as valid today as they were before all this Watergate mess got started - no question about that in my mind.

Thanks again. I was pleased to know of your career there and wish you well after forty years of government service.

Best regards,

George Bush

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July 25, 1973

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st Street S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 1973 acknowledging telegram, copy enclosed, sent by Mr. George Curl and I from San Angelo relative to the Watergate Problem. Your reply is properly worded. George and I along with a lot of other people were and are on your side in the Senate race and we were just trying to cast a ray of sunshine. Mr. Dole, your predecessor, said this morning something to the effect that he doubted that the country could stand it unless Mr. Nixon cleared himself of blame. I hope you are biding your time and will counter-attack when the Watergate Committee gets through with its three ring circus.

Paxton Dunn's mother mentioned that he was leaving the State Department. With his experience and overall background I hope that he can become some other type of asset to the country. His mother went to Old Mexico and I drove her out as far as Tucson. She said that you had become acquainted when in the United Nations.

Paxton Dunn's father, my uncle, was a poor politician but a good diplomat and this may apply to Paxton. I haven't seen him since he lived with my sister for a year in Austin while going to high school there to get Texanized.

Although I am a cotton ginner by trade, I have been working for the Federal Housing Administration for nearly 40 years and I am retiring next month. I am an Oklahoma Democrat who votes in Texas and usually against someone I do not like. I have never voted for a Democrat for President! I may get up to Washington next month and will be happy to give you a few minutes regarding FHA Programs in general if you want it.

Mr. Fred Harris, former Senator from Oklahoma, was raised on the other end of my rural route at Hastings, Oklahoma. He could not be elected dog catcher in his home precinct.

One thing about it Mr. Bush you cannot be accused of having any easy job, right now. Enclosed is a resume of some of my experiences with the F. H. A. and the "New Deal".

Very truly yours,

C. H. Clift
C. H. Clift

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GEO. BUSH, CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON D.C.

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GEORGE CURL
C. H. CLIFT
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When the New Deal invented the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) the name describes correctly what happened to Agriculture and allied industries in the United States. It caused a complete upheaval in all phases of agriculture. Hundreds of thousands of people who had been farming sought employment elsewhere. The terms "Okie" and "Arkie" were applied in ridicule to unfortunates who were literally out hunting work and food. When the "Okies" moved from Oklahoma to California it did raise the IQ of both states but they missed many meals on the journey.

My father and I had 12 cotton gins and other properties and owed about \$20,000.00 in all. We were flat broke. At age 30 I settled a \$750.00 oil field machine shop bill with a character who had struck it rich in the East Texas Field for \$25.00, paid out \$16.00 for recently borrowed money and with a suit purchased on credit started hitch-hiking to Washington to get a government job. The \$9.00 played out before I made it. In the fall of 1934 I took a file clerk job with the Agriculture Department for two months, the hours being 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and I lost 20 pounds during the period largely because I spent most of my time swearing at the cotton reduction contracts I was filing.

In January 1935 I asked Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas for help and he took me in a cab down to the Federal Housing Administration at 14th and K and got me a job there. Having had some accounting experience I was placed in charge of the Collection Unit of Accounts and Audits of the Comptroller's Division. Entirely due to three brilliant people in the Treasury Department, Mr. Collier, Miss Marion and another lady, the procedures for handling FHA Appraisal Fees, Mortgage Insurance Premiums and over 100 other types of collections were worked out under their guidance. Armed with pertinent information I would run from the Treasury back to the FHA and dictate to Minnie Dawson (before I forgot it) the advisories obtained. This process having set up and established fiscal procedures for operation of the FHA I was able to get a raise from \$1440.00 to \$1800.00 per annum but no more.

A Mrs. Reese was placed in charge of my unit at \$3800.00 per annum and I blasted out in the Field as a Junior Investigator at the same salary and later became a Special Agent of the FHA and was raised to \$3200.00 with an official station in Dallas. In a fake economy move the entire Investigation Section of the FHA was abolished, including my job with 5-days notice in July 1937. I drove non-stop to Washington in 23 hours to confront those responsible and two months later located him, one Wesley Zane. Mr. Zane cooperated most willingly by putting me back on the payroll.

Meanwhile, in Arkansas, the U. S. Attorney offered me a job as Special Assistant U. S. Attorney and I took it until the position of Title I Representative was created with 14 men hired and stationed over the country. I went to Dallas with Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana as my territory. This situation lasted until WWII came along to end the Roosevelt Perpetuated Depression. The offering attached gives a brief resume of the duties performed by a TIR. A Mr. Taylor has been hounded into resigning and Oklahoma City is seeking a replacement.

After WWII started and I was on my way to be drafted or a Marine Commission four men were hired to replace me and I wound up over 38 years of age on the unwanted list with Air Force at Wright Field as a Senior Investigator. Eventually I came back to Dallas as TIR and remained there until 1952. The number of TIRs had by then been increased to around 70 men and although collection work assignments and instruction continued to come out of Washington the TIRs were placed under the supervision of Insuring Office Directors. These Directors were not familiar with the duties of the TIRs and cared less and designated one of their staff members to look after the TIR and his duties.

In this re-alignment the authority to issue Precautionary Measures against dealers, salesmen and lenders was partially assigned to the Directors of Insuring Offices. The office subordinate found in the PM duties a chance to play politics with local and state lumber dealers, salesmen and lenders and to satisfy his starved authority in general and to exercise his dubious judgment. When placed on the PM List anyone was in effect put out of the building business for all practical purposes. In the process the TIR was made the official whipping boy, the Washington Office

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cooperating with zeal to censure the TIR when at all possible. Daily reporting forms, reports of accomplishments, all in addition to regular working forms were created for keeping a close watch on the TIR. One James Ford of the Title I Washington Office was permitted to run wild.

A group of California types invaded Dallas in 1951 with an outfit called Enterprise Construction Co., Johns-Mansville Dealers, and with their imported salesmen proceeded to break every regulation in the Title I manual. They brought their own insured lender, United Credits, Inc. and with such a set-up started stealing the public blind. I had enough evidence against them to place them on PM during the first week they operated in and out of Dallas, but encountered difficulty in getting R. E. Shepherd, Dallas Director, to take any action against them. Mr. Shepherd was a fine christian gentleman but held his job through politics and would not oppose a Mr. Arthur J. Frentz, Assistant Commissioner for Title I who fronted for his friend Mr. Tenzer the over-all general manager of Enterprise and United Credits. Through Regulation W. of the Federal Reserve Bank Enterprise was ordered to cease business in Texas by Federal Court Order. I was disgusted with Mr. Shepherd and availed myself of the opportunity to transfer to San Antonio and set up a Title I Office there.

Shortly after setting up the San Antonio Office Mr. Frentz came down from Washington and asked me to drop all charges against Enterprise so they could continue to operate. Failing in his mission he instructed C. T. Macleod, Director, a typical civil service pipsqueek, to require that I spend 8 hours on duty during regular office hours and make any necessary night calls on my own time. Due to their working habits and baby sitting system the over 400 Mexican debtors in San Antonio had to be contacted at night if at all since they were never at home during the day. I was putting in 8 hours during the day and around 4 hours at night and getting might tired of it and of C. M. Elmore who had been designated by Macleod to keep watch on me. Mr. Macleod retired recently on full disability and other benefits due to a heart murmur. He told C. T. 3 weeks before that he had a physical and the doctor could find nothing wrong with him.

One day, in the absence of Mister Elmore, I asked Macleod for permission to work some claims in Austin. Mr. Macleod turned red at such insubordination and told me that Mr. Elmore was in charge of my work. The reason Mr. Elmore was not in the office was because a waterline at home had broken that morning and without benefit of annual leave or otherwise had not returned by 3:00 p.m. I decided that I had enough of San Antonio, called someone I knew in Washington and cleared it to transfer to Little Rock and set up a Title I Office there, as soon as I could find a qualified replacement in San Antonio. After some difficulty, through Dwight Weir, Manager of the CIT San Antonio Office, and whose father had managed one of our cotton gins at Temple, Oklahoma, I got in touch with Mr. Carlton T. Carter and found him to meet the qualifications for the Title I Position, had him apply for the job which he obtained. I got out of San Antonio and Mr. Carter walked into a hotspot which led eventually to his accident and stroke.

Mr. Elmore retired at no loss to the FHA and was replaced as C. T. Carter's immediate supervisor by one "Pinkie" Hunnicutt, a starved for authority Johnson City, Texas LBJ disciple who literally harrassed and hounded Carter in exercising his supervisory authority over him, being aided and abetted by James H. Ford of the D.C. Office. I visited with Mr. Carter a number of times while he was TIR of San Antonio, the last time before his accident at a regional meeting of all TIRs and Financial Representatives in the area together with three men from the Washington Office. While everybody else was carrying on in the usual convention manner I found Mr. Carter in his room reading the Gideon Bible.

The Title I Position carries with it the duties of collection, a full knowledge of the regulations under which the loans are made originally and investigation of irregularities which could cause P.M. Measures to be taken. With a Grade 9 rating the TIR could speak with little authority in the office but was responsible for everything pertaining to Title I outside the office. Claims have been paid to lenders on only 0.86 % of the improvement loans made, 98.14 % of the loans paying out to the lenders. After initial collection effort from the Washington Office only the difficult Claims are assigned to the TIRs. In my own experience I have been attaked, shot at, sworeed at and run off when I introduced myself as

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a representative of the FHA. Other TIRs have had similar experiences. Off hand I know of at least 15 men who have died of heart attacks while employed as TIRs, three of them in the Houston Office alone. On doctor's orders I have carried Nitro Tablets for years.

When I set up the office in Little Rock it was only a few weeks later that an expert named Ratebaugh and who later went to work for Arthur J. Frentz in his Insured Services of Chicago came down to Little Rock from Washington and wrote up a lengthy report on the unworked Claims that I had not had the time to contact in the short time the office had been in operation. About 9 months later the Washington Office preferred charges against me for neglecting these Claims (they had long since been worked, collected or other disposition made of them). Except for the fact that the Director Mr. Wade who was cooperating with the Washington Title I Office in the matter was requested to resign for cause, I would have been fired.

One can cope with the harsh reality of an enraged debtor who acts like or actually thinks he has been defrauded by a con artist when trying to improve his home and better his living conditions, but one is practically helpless against harrassment and unjust criticism within his own office by his superior officers. All one can do is let his blood pressure go up and that is what happened to Mr. Carter before he had his stroke. I have nearly had several I feel certain. You may consider everything in this account as the actual truth.

I am completing my career in August at age 70. Mr. Carter completed his career at age 52 I believe, 3 years ago. I feel partially responsible for the trouble and misery undergone by Mr. Carter and his family during the past 3 years. Aside from being utterly helpless in many respects and unable to wait on himself, Carter does not look much worse off than he did when I first saw him right after his stroke. I wish I could say the same for his nice wife. Any arrangement or ruling that you can make to lessen her burden will be deeply appreciated. I am retiring with an income in excess of \$1000.00 per month with few worries other than the future of Title I which has been the greatest single factor for improving the living conditions of the people of the United States since the founding.

C. H. Clift

Three Pages

CLIFE, George
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Watergate.

May 29, 1973

Messrs. George Curl and G. H. Clift
Route 2
Hasting, Oklahoma

Dear Messrs. Curl and Clift:

Thank you for your telegram of May 18th.

The Watergate is an ugly mess which I in no way condone and which has created a troubled time for our country. The irresponsible actions of a few individuals who violated a high trust and clearly broke the law jeopardized our great political process. Those who choose to break the law are responsible to the society of which they are a party and to its system which created those laws. Under our American criminal justice system those who are guilty of breaking the law will be punished and the innocent will be exonerated. To justify the actions of these few men, however well-intentioned they may seem to be to you, would be a further disservice to our system.

By the same token, I firmly believe in one of the basic principles of our system -- that one is innocent until proven guilty -- and feel that now during this difficult time it is very important for that principle, too, to be upheld. I deplore any reckless charges which deny that principle and which call men guilty without any evidence.

Thank you once again for taking the time to send the telegram.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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*Cobaugh, Mr/Mrs R
8 Watergate*

April 12, 1973

Mr. & Mrs. George D. Cobaugh
990 Summer Place
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cobaugh:

Thank you for your letter of March 29 expressing concern about the Watergate affair and how your money as a contributor would be used by the National Committee.

No one would like to see Watergate cleared up more than I. I don't like it, and I have spoken out openly and publicly against it. I want to see the matter cleaned up and cleaned up promptly. I am glad to know of your concern on this matter. Believe me, I share it.

I am convinced that the President has nothing personally to hide. He has said that his people would answer all written inquiries from the Ervin Committee; he has ordered his people to appear before the Grand Jury; and he is trying to work out some ground rules under which White House people can appear before the Committee. This certainly shows cooperation, but, again, I agree the whole matter must be cleared up.

Please don't lose faith in our political system or the Republican Party. Having served in politics many years in a number of different capacities, I look upon it as a noble profession. Politics is, after all, basic to our free system of government, and my experience at the United Nations, where I worked with representatives of 131 different governmental systems, reinforced my belief that ours is the best by far.

We do not do incidents of this type, I can assure you. All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward building and strengthening the Party and electing a Republican Majority to Congress in '74. We cannot succeed without your help. I would be pleased if you would reconsider and support the Sustaining Membership Program. I'll do my level best to merit that support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

090 Summer Place
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15243
March 29, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20063

Dear Mr. Bush:

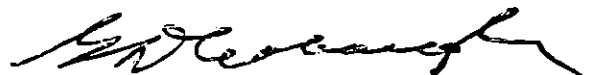
My wife and I have been regular contributors to the Republican Party, believing that this is the way a political party should operate. Last year during the Presidential Campaign, we contributed to three different groups, namely, The Committee to Reelect the President, the National Republican Committee, and the Republican Congressional Committee.

Needless to say, we were happy with the election of President Nixon but disappointed in some of the Congressional Races. We received our 1973 Membership Card from your committee and have had two letters requesting our contribution.

The reason we are holding up sending our contribution involves the fast and loose spending of the Committee to Reelect the President, notably the Watergate affairs. As retired folks from both industry and the teaching profession, it is hard for us to understand how grown, mature men would be a party to such monkey business, some of whom were trusted White House personnel. We can only hazard a guess that funds for the Republican Party will be hard to come by, until this crazy antic is cleared up to the satisfaction of citizens of our great country, both Republicans and Democrats.

Your personal reply to this unfortunate episode will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



George D. and Helen S. Cobaugh

Collarino, Mrs. Mark
8
Watergate

June 15, 1973

Mrs. Mark C. Collarino
3300 East St. Andrews Way
Seattle, Washington 98102

Dear Mrs. Collarino:

Thanks for your letter. While I was more than glad to hear from you, I simply cannot agree that the Watergate business will compound tragedy upon tragedy. Of course, it is a miserable affair, and no one deploras it more than I.

I think you misunderstand. I am not urging the continuance of the public airing of this business; at least not in the context which I think you infer. I am, however, most anxious that the truth of the matter be brought into the open; the guilty punished and the innocent vindicated. I believe this is the only way for the American people to find comfort.

The Republican Party, and certainly not the Republican National Committee, has no intention of walking away from the President's problems. I have spoken out loudly and clearly on his behalf, and will continue to do so. I agree with you wholeheartedly that we must rally behind him - now more than ever. Apparently you have misunderstood my position in this matter.

Mrs. Collarino, I do appreciate your writing, and please know that I share your concern. But I do believe that when the truth finally emerges the Republican Party will not be fatally damaged.

Best wishes to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:jj JJ

Mrs. Mark C. Collarino
3300 East St. Andrews Way
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Mr. George Bush
Republican National Chairman
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. Bush,

As a life-long Republican I am - like you - deeply concerned with what the future holds for our party and for the nation. Until Watergate is out of the way, tragedy compounds tragedy and therefore I cannot understand your position in urging the continuance of the public airing of this grubby business.

The senate endorsed Mr. Cox with enthusiasm as the man to be trusted to get to the bottom of the case. The whole thing could be handled with speed and dignity if left to him and to the judicial processes which must ultimately be the decisive factor regardless. This public airing of rumor and hearsay - of charges and countercharges - has deteriorated into a Roman Holiday which is sickening, I am sure, to the vast majority of the American people. They are fed to the teeth with Watergate! They want this witch-hunt to get the President at all costs to stop! They want Watergate put into the hands of Mr. Cox and the courts where it belongs, and they want the senate of the United States to get down to business and work on the very pressing problems that beset the nation. In the present atmosphere it is impossible for Mr. Nixon to give us the leadership we require.

In God's name, Mr. Bush, let it be the function of the Republican Party to help in every way possible to put Watergate where it belongs and to urge that the business of government get back on the track.

Here is Senator Jackson calling the President a "crippled bird" and urging postponement of the coming Russian talks. All this is horrifying. No one has handled the Russians better than Richard Nixon and I think the Republican Party should become very vocal in repudiation of Senator Jackson's comment. It will be a sad day for Americans if the Republican Party insists on walking away from the problems confronting the President. This is the time to rally behind him. The Party was in no way involved in Watergate and until it be proven that the President was, not one of us should wish this witch hunt to go on. Such a position on your part is impossible to understand and I know that I am far from alone in this opinion. Sincerely, *Marion Collarino*

Collier, Mrs. L.
8 Waters
Re Anderson, Jack
in Parade
August 21, 1973 My Journal on
Watergate

Mrs. L. Collier
15 Arnett
Madison, Alabama 35758

Dear Mrs. Collier:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in forwarding to my attention the article on Jack Anderson which appeared in PARADE magazine.

The points you raise are worth considering, and I appreciate your taking the time to pass them along.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

OK -
revised
let not sent

ABH

Madison, Alabama
15 Arnett 35758
July 26, 1973

Sen. George Bush
GOP Nat. Chairman
Washington, D. C.

JUL 31 1973

Dear Sir:

The enclosed article was in the last
Sundays Huntsville Times.

If What Jack Anderson says is true I
think that the Watergate Committee should
take a recess and do a little investigating
of the senate. From reading the article it
seems to me:

That a Senator is peddling confidential
information to Jack Anderson. Would he run
this risk just for fun? Is Jack Anderson
buying this information? Is he a regular
contributor to the Anderson articles? These
questions need answering before any confi-
dential tapes be played in front of such a
guy. Don't forget Pres. Nixon has had talks
with the representatives of three major
countries, Russia, China and England..I
don't imagine they would enjoy being quoted
by Jack Anderson. The tone of the Anderson
article seems to imply the Senator was well
known and was expected. He just did escape
before the Photographers glimpsed him. Do
you agree with me.

Mrs. L. Collier

Request: I do not wish to get in print.
Please keep my name confidential.
Thank you.

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- There is an easy way to catch the one who keeps a confidential paper.
1. Number all papers. 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, etc.
 2. Have an alphabetical list of the senators.
 3. Start with the A's with 1, 2, 3, etc and so through the Z's, until all the the papers are given out.
 4. If Adams is first on the list have a 1 behind Adams. If Allen is second on the list 2 is behind his name. Give out sheets with the right number which is behind the name on the list. This is so if a senator is absent his sheet is not given out. Of course you can keep a check. You can't stop a report from memory. That is why if you are going to demand that Pres. Nixon show up you

Ought to subpoena and ask Jack Anderson which Senator supplied him with the confidential memo which was supposed to be returned to the committee. This Senator in my opinion needs rougher calling down than Joe McCarthy got.

The whole family look like
a hippie commune -



On a wooded knoll near their home, author Jack Anderson and seven of his children inspect the spot from which Justice Department agents kept

him under surveillance, hoping to discover his sources. The Anderson youths retaliated by keeping a careful watch on the government agents.

My Journal on Watergate

by Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON, D.C. If I had been a better reporter, I might have prevented the break-in at Washington's Watergate on June 17, 1972, and changed the course of history. Two months before the Water-buggers were captured, I was told about their plan to eavesdrop on the Democrats. With a little more diligent digging, I might have uncovered enough details to print the story. This would have broken up the plot and spared President Nixon his current humiliation.

Or I might have altered history more to George McGovern's liking. I learned last August that E. Howard Hunt, the

romantic spy, had packed his Watergate papers in eight cardboard boxes, smuggled them out of the White House and hidden them away in an associate's basement in Alexandria, Va. I almost gained access to Hunt's hidden papers, but he reclaimed them just ahead of me. These contained dramatic documentation that would have bared the whole Watergate skulduggery in time for the voters to act.

Investigating each other

My own Watergate story began long before the name became a household word. Shortly after President Nixon moved into the White House, he and I

began to investigate one another. I became aware in 1970 that he was using lie detectors and grand jury subpoenas in an effort to find out who my sources were.

Inside the Pentagon, suspected sources were grilled behind the forbidding doors of Room 3E993. Some were followed and their neighbors were questioned. Once, the gumshoes zeroed in on the wrong man, a mild, bespectacled Pentagon aide named Gene Smith, who was badgered, threatened and finally subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury in Norfolk, Va. Smith denied under oath that he had ever talked to me. U.S. Attorney Brian

Gettings admitted afterward that it had been "suggested" he go after Smith. "We probably did have the wrong man," acknowledged the prosecutor.

In 1971, the President formed his private Plumbers Squad, including G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt, to plug news leaks, among them my India-Pakistan columns. They concluded mistakenly that the source was located on Henry Kissinger's staff. Innocent staffers were yanked from behind their desks and dragged to polygraph machines, although it was the White House, not my sources, doing the lying about Pakistan. Eventually an entire section of Kissinger's staff was scattered around the world, and Adm. Robert Welander who headed it was exiled to the Atlantic fleet.

The Plumbers start working

The Plumbers really went to work on me in March, 1972, after I published a memo from Dita Beard to her ITT superiors linking an antitrust settlement with a \$400,000 pledge to help finance the Republican Convention. The Washington Post reported that the White House was "directing a major effort to discredit columnist Jack Anderson and the ITT memorandum he published." The effort includes feeding negati-

material about Anderson . . . to Republican members of the Senate and to the press."

At one point, Hunt tried to persuade Dita Beard to repudiate her memo. He turned up in Denver at Dita's hospital bedside under the name of Edward Hamilton, an alias he would also use at various stages of the Watergate incident. He had donned makeup and a cheap red wig for the occasion, a wig which was askew, giving him the appearance of a French mime. Dita's son, Bull, later described Hunt's appearance as "very eerie; he had a red wig on cockeyed, like he put it on in a dark car."

As *The Washington Post* reported it, the White House was "coordinating a continuous effort to discredit Anderson." The Plumbers were assisted in this effort by another Watergate figure, Robert Mardian, who then headed the Justice Department's Internal Security Division. He ordered my house staked out, but I learned the makes and license numbers of three autos used by Mardian's men. With nine children, I was able to command a far more reliable counter-espionage squad than Mardian's. My kids had a lot of fun spotting the cars. They reported back that they could see men with binoculars, bringing to our neighborhood an exhilarating air of intrigue. They located the main lookout atop a knoll near a church about a mile from my door.

'They're after me now'

I retaliated by also sending members of my staff to watch Mardian's house and to tail him wherever he went. When the investigator thus became the investigated, he had conniptions. A source in his office told us he kept saying: "They're after me now!"

I also suspected, but could never prove, that the Nixon crowd tapped my telephones. I was only slightly surprised, therefore, by a letter mailed to me on April 15, 1972. It was written by William Haddad, a New York entrepreneur who, until a dozen years ago, had been a prize-winning investigative reporter. Haddad told me he had learned from a private investigator of plans to tap the telephones of the Democratic National Committee. Haddad understood the plot had been hatched by a group of advertising men, known as the November Group, who had been recruited for the Nixon campaign.

As it turned out, I was personally acquainted with some of the Waterbuggers. Frank Sturgis, an incurable soldier of fortune who had roamed the world in search of danger, excitement and fighting, had been a friend of mine for many years. I had written in *PARADE* about his exploits fighting for and then

against Fidel Castro.

He introduced me in Miami to Bernard Barker, short and swarthy, who was known to his associates as "Macho" (he-man). They spoke of Eduardo, their CIA superior during the Bay of Pigs, who I only recently realized was E. Howard Hunt. They were a collection of romantics, forever seeking adventure, forever finding misadventure.

On April 17, 1971, exactly 10 years after the Bay of Pigs, Barker found a note pinned to his door: "If you are the same Barker I once knew, contact me [at a Miami hotel]." The note was signed by Eduardo. Thus the Waterbuggers, recruited from the Bay of Pigs bunglers, were assembled for their biggest caper.

A familiar face

I had everything but a road sign pointing to the story. My press notices claimed I was an investigative reporter; I had been alerted to the Watergate plot two months in advance; and I had personal ties with the Waterbuggers. Yet I was quite oblivious of the conspiracy when on June 16, 1972, I was making my way through Washington's National Airport to catch a plane to Cleveland. I recognized a familiar face and stopped to chat. It was Frank Sturgis.

I asked what he was doing in Washington. "Private business," he said, with a conspiratorial smile. He introduced me to Eugenio Martinez, the CIA-affiliated locksmith who was to pick the Watergate locks that night.

I made a mental note to find out what Sturgis was up to, then I hurried on to Cleveland. Next day, I read on Page 1 what Sturgis had been up to. He had been captured, with the rest of the Cuban "Mission Impossible" team, inside the Watergate.

'Fighting Castro'

I looked him up immediately in the old red brick building that houses the District of Columbia jail. He would say only that the Watergate project was part of their fight against Castro. In return for their services, they had also been promised, said Sturgis, that some Cuban refugees suffering from the fog and distance of London would be allowed to come to Miami.

Sturgis told me he'd been paid only expense money and didn't know what legal assistance he would get. With his assent, I went to court and asked that he be paroled in my custody. The Justice Department, distrusting my charitable intentions, suspected I might pump him for more answers and vigorously objected to releasing Sturgis in my care. He was remanded, therefore, to his cell block.

(My court appearance in Sturgis' behalf also disturbed the Democrats. After I printed details of Larry O'Brien's expense accounts, the Democrats issued a statement suggesting I had received information stolen from their offices by the Waterbuggers. I had managed, as usual, to gain the enmity of both political parties.)

Continuing my pursuit of the Watergate story, I learned from FBI sources the gist of the preliminary findings. It was necessary, however, to document the details. I asked my sources to bring me the FBI investigative reports. It is much easier to quote a confidential FBI report than it is to pry the details from a long list of people associated with the story.

But while I was trying to pry the documentation loose from FBI files, two young reporters from *The Washington*

Post, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, got the story by hard leg work. They printed the startling details of the spying-sabotage operation behind the Watergate break-in.

My search for documentation, meanwhile, led me to the Hunt papers. While the melodramatic G. Gordon Liddy had shredded his Watergate documents, Hunt, the author of 46 obscure novels, apparently recognized the literary value of this hush-hush material. He packed his documents into eight cardboard boxes, obtained clearances to move the sealed boxes out of the White House, then arranged for a trusted associate, Roy Sheppard, a federal employee, to pick them up and stash them in his basement.

I dealt with Sheppard through his lawyer, Peter Wolfe, who was deeply

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Robert Mardian, then the head of the Justice Department's Internal Security unit, ordered Anderson tailed, only to find himself being followed.



E. Howard Hunt stashed eight boxes of Watergate evidence in a friend's home. Anderson nearly intercepted it, but Hunt reclaimed it just in time.



In 1961 Frank Sturgis, using the name Fiorini, co-authored a *PARADE* article with Anderson on Cuban freedom fighters, posing for this story-faced cover photograph (left). After Watergate capture, Sturgis looked even grimmer (right).

WATERGATE CONTINUED

troubled about the secrets hidden in his client's basement. I pursued Wolfe, pleaded with him and, I felt sure, persuaded him to acquire the documents from his client. I was so sure of gaining access to the documents that I alerted my associate Les Whitten to be ready to help read the contents of the boxes. But suddenly, in August, Hunt contacted Sheppard who returned the incriminating boxes. That chance to blow the Watergate scandal wide open was lost.

By this time, I was convinced that the President's chief of staff, H. R. Haldeman, had directed the dirty tricks operation. My White House sources told me he controlled the political campaign so tightly that no important decision could be made without his approval. I couldn't get positive proof, however, that he had okayed the spying and sabotage.

Powerful but invisible

The most I could say, as I reported on Aug. 22, was that Haldeman was "the most powerful man in the 1972 campaign" except for the President himself. "Operating out of the White House on government salary," I wrote, "Haldeman has tried to remain the invisible man of the campaign . . . Haldeman issues political directives, approves campaign contracts, receives political reports and coordinates campaign activities."

By Feb. 25, 1973, I was able to implicate Haldeman a bit more. "Senate investigators and FBI agents," I reported, "have followed the Watergate tracks right up to Haldeman's door but can't get past his bright young assistants. The FBI men, for example, were forbidden from questioning him. Yet they were able to trace Watergate clues to Haldeman aides who never make a move without asking Haldeman."

Attorney General John Mitchell to the Watergate plot in a column published last Sept. 23. But the most important story, I felt, was the cover-up. The day after Christmas, I reported that the Justice Department had sounded out Watergate defendants "about entering guilty pleas" and thus keep the details of their operation off the court records.

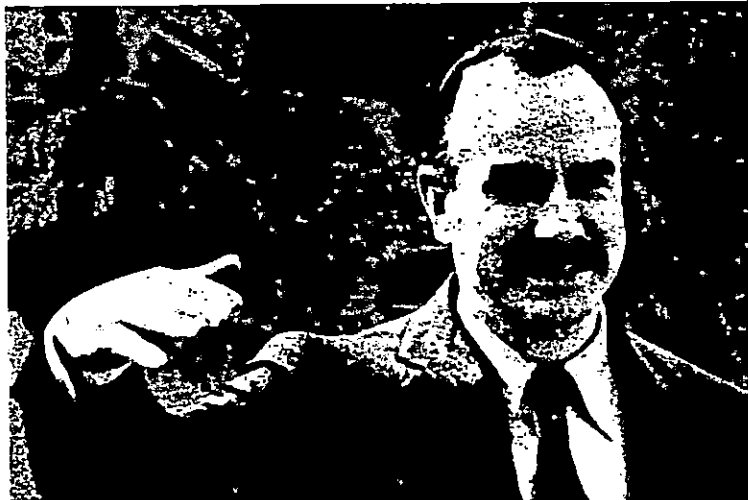
Late night meeting

All the defendants, nevertheless, went ahead with their court preparations. On the eve of the trial last January, Hunt pressured the four Miami members of the bugging crew to plead guilty. He brought up former CIA comrades from Miami to join in the appeal. On Jan. 11, he met late into the night with them at the Arlington Towers, just across the Potomac River from the Watergate. I waited in a nearby room for a report from one of the participants.

He told me how Hunt, invoking CIA discipline, had asked the four to keep silent and take their medicine. He spoke of "all for one and one for all," and he had a charismatic effect. They also felt sympathy over the loss of his wife in an airliner crash. At first, they asked him to arrange with the White House to soften the charges from burglary to illegal entry. This would have made their offense a simple misdemeanor. Hunt promised to seek eventual executive clemency and to arrange \$1000-a-month payments to their families. After some heated conversation, they agreed to stand together, mute, and accept the sentence of the court.

A rising public clamor

Only G. Gordon Liddy and James McCord went to trial. But the public clamor over Watergate was rising. The White House tried to placate the public by continuing the investigation but confining it behind grand jury doors. President Nixon invoked a most unusual interpretation of executive privilege to



Just before his conviction as a conspirator in the Watergate case, a jaunty G. Gordon Liddy salutes the press. He has since maintained the stoic silence of a spy.

...from appearing before the Senate. It seemed to me the Nixon Administration intended to use grand jury secrecy to protect the guilty and keep the embarrassing facts from reaching the public. I sought access, therefore, to the grand jury findings, and on April 16, I began printing verbatim excerpts.

This apparently helped to persuade the President to change his strategy. He announced at a secret Cabinet meeting that he would support a full investigation by both the grand jury and the Senate. He mentioned, with obvious irritation, my verbatim reports of the grand jury proceedings. Richard Kleindienst, then the Attorney General, protested that the leak must have come from the court reporting firm or one of the grand jurors. "Cut the crap," said the President. "We both know it came out of the Justice Department."

Trouble with transcripts

The Watergate prosecutors, meanwhile, complained that my publication of the transcripts was hampering their investigation. I immediately called on them to listen to their objections. They demanded to know how I got the transcripts, since the only copies were locked in their safes. I told them I couldn't divulge my source, not even



The first major witness at Senate committee hearings, co-conspirator James McCord, holds device he says was used to bug Democratic phones.

if I had to go to jail. For two hours, however, they pleaded with me to stop the direct quotes. Anonymous tipsters were refusing to appear as witnesses, they said, for fear of being identified in my column.

I told the prosecutors that I felt they had held back during the Watergate trial but that I believed they were now seeking the full truth. Therefore, I announced on April 25: "I have agreed not to print further verbatim excerpts from the Watergate grand jury hearings. I do so because I have become

convinced that further verbatim disclosures would not be in the best interests of the investigation. However, as a journalist, I have an obligation and a right to continue to report any and all pertinent information on this sordid scandal that so many people in high places have worked so hard to keep from the public."

There were a few close calls. My source of the grand jury testimony was almost revealed to the world through an accident of timing. He walked into my office while a TV crew was setting

up to interview me. He discreetly retreated before his face could be captured on film for the evening news.

James McCord's sensational testimony was summarized in advance in a detailed memorandum, which he submitted to the Senate committee. At a closed-door session, copies were distributed to each Senator to read and return. One copy, however, was never returned. Later, we published the newsworthy memo. The committee was never able to discover, however, which Senator had kept his copy.

Another source for memos

My associate Les Whitten arranged a midnight meeting to get more memos from another source. The committee began a quiet investigation of us which, at times, seemed almost as intensive as its investigation of Watergate.

But without the press, the Watergate scandal would have been hushed and hidden. There are always the ostriches, of course, who prefer to keep their heads in the sand. But our Founding Fathers intended that government misconduct should be exposed. The press in this case, particularly *The Washington Post*, served as the watchdog our forefathers would have wished. The Watergate story, for all its ugliness, is proof that the American system works.

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Collins, Hon. Jim
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August 30, 1973

Honorable James M. Collins
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Dear Jim:

The mandate of the select committee as set forth in S.R. 60 is to "conduct an investigation and study of the extent, if any, to which illegal, improper, or unethical activities were engaged in by any persons, acting either individually or in combination with others, in the Presidential election of 1972, or in any related campaign or canvass conducted by or in behalf of any person seeking nomination or election as the candidate of any political party for the office of President of the United States in such election, and to determine whether in its judgment any occurrences which may be revealed by the investigation and study indicate the necessity or desirability of the enactment of new congressional legislation to safeguard the electoral process by which the President of the United States is chosen."

The second section of the resolution outlines several specific things to be investigated, including aspects of the Watergate bugging and activities related to it, but the investigation is in no way limited to Watergate or to the effort to re-elect President Nixon.

I was delighted to get your letter about your interviews there in Dallas and to have the phone conversation as well. I hope you are getting a little rest.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

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August 14, 1973

Mr. George Bush
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Republican National Committee
310 1st Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear George,

After spending a solid week talking continuously to people here in my District, I want to report that Watergate is not hurting us. Last week, I talked continuously to people from sun-up until mid-night. I estimated that I had 400 private conversations. During this time only five people took exception to Nixon and the Watergate issue. Of these five, only one of them had previously voted for Nixon. One of them was a rabid McCloskey supporter and the other three were strong McGovernites.

On the other hand, I would have ten people for every one that spoke up on this subject that were wishing the whole thing would end. Most folks have become completely worn out. When the Watergate hearings began, there was some static against the President. As they have run on and on, the hearings have worn the people out and the pendulum has swung the other way. I think it is fair to say that it will have very very little effect on the 1974 elections.

One interesting comment was in the Dallas News on Sunday. Dick West wrote his column on the reaction to the Watergate hearing and how it was affecting Nixon. He had spent two days visiting all the bars and taverns and bowling alleys. He said that he found only two people who believed that Nixon should be impeached. He said on the other hand, that everyone

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wanted to get on with the business and that they were getting sick and tired of Watergate.

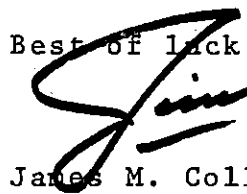
I hope you are giving serious consideration to the idea of running for Governor here in Texas. I have found no progress being made by any of our Republican nominees. No one at home has even mentioned their names and they have no strength in Dallas of any type.

Frankly, Briscoe is doing better than I thought. Everyone in Dallas thinks that he lacks initiative and leadership. However, he is so weak enough that he does not disturb too many people. I am counting on Briscoe to have a good Democratic primary which would be the best thing that could happen for us.

I am convinced that you would be a winner as the Republican candidate for Governor.

One subject that came up the other day impressed me. Someone said they understood that the Erwin committee was appointed to investigate all the 1972 Presidential election involvements. If this is true, why do they spend all their time on the Watergate issue? Was this committee specifically appointed just to check Republicans or was it appointed to check all 1972 election developments? If this is true, it's time they started spending some good research time on the Democrat candidates.

Best of luck to you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Collins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James M. Collins, M.C.

JMC/er



Republican National Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

Dear

Your comments concerning the Watergate incident have been brought to my attention, and I very much appreciate your letting us know how you feel about this sordid matter.

First, keep in mind that the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-Elect the President are two separate entities. I am convinced that the RNC was in no way involved in this matter, and further I'm convinced that only a handful of misguided individuals were involved at the CRP. I strongly oppose what has happened. The President has taken decisive action and has guaranteed that this entire matter will be pursued until the guilty are convicted and the innocent cleared.

The sordidness of Watergate symbolizes everything I oppose in politics and everything I know you oppose. But I am confident the Republican Party will not suffer. The losers will be those who broke the law. They will not be the workers, Party members, or Republican officeholders who in no way were involved. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a number of statements prepared on the issue, as well as a statement listing some of the accomplishment of the Administration and the positive things that have been happening in the Party. We must not let Watergate obscure this splendid record.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74. We need your help and your support now and in the future. I'll do my level best to merit your confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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August 13, 1973

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Pres. Letters to
Watergate

Mr. Paul Combs
Box 48
Seaman, Ohio 45679

Dear Mr. Combs:

Thank you very much for your recent letter requesting some information on President Nixon's letters to the Ervin Committee.

I am pleased to enclose pages from the Congressional Quarterly which I hope will be helpful to you.

Please let us know whenever we can be of assistance.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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July 30, 1973

Dear George Bush - Chairman
I want some information
on President Richard M. Nixon
letter to the Watergate
Committee

Thank you
Mr. Paul Combs
CHAIRMAN
SEAMAN REP EXEC
COMM.

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Comet, George L.
Watergate

June 4, 1973

Mr. George L. Comet
55 John Street
New York, New York 10038

Dear Mr. Comet:

Thank you for your letter of May 30th expressing your reaction to my comments on the Watergate issue. A letter such as yours cannot help but be a source of inspiration and encouragement to me.

In view of your interest in the subject, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed recently by Republican State Chairmen meeting in Chicago which received considerable publicity across the nation. I might add, copies of the Resolution have been forwarded to local Republican leaders in the individual states.

With sincere appreciation for your fine sense of dedication to the party of Lincoln, Eisenhower and Nixon, I am

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosure

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P.S. The enclosed News Release, dated May 9th, has been mailed to Republican Leaders throughout the country and provides them with some ammunition to counter-attack the Watergate issue.

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NEW YORK 38, N. Y.

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May 30th, 1973

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

Sir:

I have read your comments on Watergate and find it most intelligently approached. Accept my best wishes for a most successful tenure.

Watergate is not politics

As you have indicated, politics is a "grubby business" and it is most pathetic to realize that a huge section of our populace can be fooled to believe as truth what is simply alleged. But this is what we have to contend with.

What is alarming, perhaps, is the additional garbage which is being thrown at the President by those who are completely biased and in positions of news control.

At this moment, a big 'to-do' is being made of the expenses involved with security at the President's home. Yet, unfortunately, no one mentions the similar or higher cost involved with security at President Johnson's ranch in Texas, or for that matter, the cost involved in Security at Hyde Park!

Perhaps here is where we fall down a bit. I mean where the National Committee doesn't immediately come out with proper statistics involving other Presidents, etc. Need I tell you that silence simply magnifies a situation?

I firmly believe that local Republican Chairmen should be apprised of the facts and they should immediately give out statements to the news media which would indicate, at least, that there is nothing unusual about the situation.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

George L. Comet
GEORGE L. COMET

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Comes, Mrs. Donald
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Watergate

March 22, 1973

Mrs. Donald A. Comes
6 Sunset Circle, R. R. 3
New Haven, Connecticut 06525

Dear Mrs. Comes:

This will acknowledge your recent comments in response to our plea for your support of our Sustaining Membership Program.

I am convinced that the Republican National Committee was in no way involved in the incident. There is no indication that any funds raised through the RNC or the Republican National Finance Committee were misused.

I do not like incidents that give politics a bad name. I believe they are very isolated and rare. People who degrade politics are very, very few and are in no way typical of the many honorable men and women of both parties who have chosen politics as their way to serve their country.

Having served in politics many years in a number of different capacities, I look upon it as a noble profession. Politics is, after all, basic to our free system of government, and my experience at the United Nations, where I worked with representatives of 131 different governmental systems, reinforced my belief that ours is the best by far.

I appreciate your views, too, on the war, Mrs. Comes. I believe the actions of the North Vietnamese were shocking in their refusal to negotiate until they were forced to do so. It was only through President Nixon's determination and perseverance over the past four years that we have at last achieved prospects for a permanent peace in Vietnam.

Please don't lose faith in the Republican Party or our political system. Without your help we cannot succeed in our priority efforts to bring about a Republican majority in Congress in '74.

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I would be pleased if you reconsider and support the Sustaining Membership Program. We really do need you. I'll do my level best to merit your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mrs. Donald Arthur Comes
6 Sunset Circle, R.R. 3
New Haven, Connecticut 06525

Feb 16

Rep. Natl Finance Com
Washington D C

Dear Sirs

I do not choose to contribute this year. I am revolted by the Watergate affair - understand that campaign funds were used to finance that reprehensible project - I do not care to send even a small sum to compensate for that expense. I think that the amount spent for campaigns is ridiculous.

It may be late to complain about the war - but the events of the last few years are shocking. ~~Comes~~

I do not intend to become a Democrat but I shall answer no more communications from you this year.

Yours truly

Edith L Comes

(Mrs Donald A)

Constantine, Yonan
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Watergate

June 1, 1973

Mr. Yonan Constantine
9 Stanley Place
Yonkers, New York 10705

Dear Mr. Constantine:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for sending a copy of your letter to the Herald Statesman.

The points made in your letter are well taken and your continued confidence in and support of the President are heartening. The very proud record of accomplishments of the President should not be obscured by an ugly mess like Watergate which was the product of a few very irresponsible, misguided individuals who violated a high trust and who served neither the President nor our country well. I have been trying, through endless speeches, public appearances, newspaper articles and the hundreds and hundreds of letters I answer, to prevent the positive record of the President and the Party from being obscured.

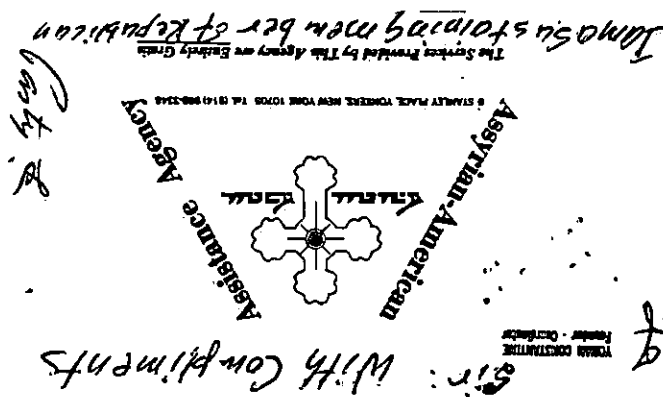
I am convinced that out of this can come a strengthening of the American system and its political process and of our faith in them both. But each and every one of us is going to have to work very hard in order for that to come about, for our system is only as good as we make it and as strong as our faith in it.

Thank you again for sending along your article. Attached is an example of the kinds of statements I have been making which I thought would interest you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

 Attachments



THE HERALD STATESMAN

A member of
the Gannett Group

LARKIN PLAZA, YONKERS, N.Y., MONDAY, MAY 14, 1973

Public Opinion

Praises President

To The Herald Statesman:

I AM A PLAIN ordinary new American citizen and I can see wild and cowardly attacks are made on our President Mr. Richard M. Nixon, in connection with Watergate comedy and tragedy. In a free society like the one we Americans are enjoying such sad events are liable to take place, because this is due to our political freedom.

I am a pretty well educated man, and have studied American history from top to bottom, and could not find a man who fights wholeheartedly to promote the noble name of America high in skies like Mr. Nixon is doing both in deeds and acts.

AS A GENTLEMAN he took the blame of his aides on himself. You can see how much our President is a big man that he comes forward with such a statement.

But some elements who are unfit to live in this greatest democracy are trying hard to smear our beloved and faithful president, these elements should know that they are smearing all the Americans who have voted for the president and they were the majority of Americans.

WATERGATE or no Watergate as they say a proverb in Assyrian language, "the dogs bark, but the caravan goes". We Americans are lucky to have such a President, who is now internationally accepted as a peacemaker.

I think if some God-fearing agency, prepares a balance sheet of Mr. Nixon's goods and bads, then they will see that Mr. Nixon should be declared a national hero. God bless America, God protect our president from evils.

YONAN CONSTANTINE
9 Stanley Place

Converse^{Ms} Helena
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Watergate

July 6, 1973

Mrs. Helena Converse
808 South Hobart Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear Mrs. Converse:

Thank you for your letter of June 13 and for the statement about the Watergate affair.

I agree that some of the news treatment of this matter seems to be an effort to implicate the President of wrongdoing, but I feel the Watergate mess is deplorable and inexcusable. I am convinced that the President was not involved in the bugging or in the cover-up, and the handful of misguided individuals who broke the law did not serve the President or the country well. I support all efforts to bring out the complete facts about Watergate, and I am confident that those who did break the law will be punished for their criminal acts.

I appreciate your support for the President, and I'm sorry our records about your contributions are inaccurate. I'll ask that they be corrected to reflect the full amount you sent us last year.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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George Bush
Chairman of the Republican
National Committee
Washington D.C.

June 13 - 1973

Dear Sir: Enclosed is an Watergate
Article - I do wish you would read and
digest - because I think that this is
what the Watergate affair is all about.

I think the Communists are behind the
whole affair - and they are out to get
not only our President - but our Country.

I watched you on T.V. Sunday - and I
admired you for standing up for our
President and our Country -

I do wish there was something that could
be done to stop the whole thing -

I do think it should be thrown out
completely - just as the Ellsberg Case was.

I was a little miffed. I'll confess when

I only was given credit for a gift of \$5.00
last year - even tho I had sent \$75.00 in.
the Committee - better check next time

Mrs. Helena Conrad
808 So. Robert Blvd.
Los Angeles Calif.
90005

I hope you find this article enlighten-
ing.

WATER GATE

SMOKESCREEN FOR REVOLUTION

**OPENING GUN FOR KENNEDY
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN**

A FEARLESS AND ADVENTURESOME ANALYSIS

By Gerald L. K. Smith

WATERGATE

SMOKESCREEN FOR REVOLUTION

OPENING GUN FOR KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

How can a man like Senator Ted Kennedy, suspected of rape, manslaughter and corruption of the courts be elected President of the United States? He must first destroy the political instruments of his opposition, which includes both the Republicans and the Democrats.

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Watergate has been used by satanic and intelligent conspirators to reflect on the integrity of the President, his aides and the right wing movement in general. Weaklings within the Republican Party, together with cowardly demagogues operating under the control of the psychology of the rat that leaves the sinking ship, have allowed themselves to be tools of the scandal-mongers.

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The official organs for the revolution which have become the spearhead scandal-mongers are made up of a large fraternity of irresponsible representatives of the media, but the outstanding villains are: the television networks, the New York Times, the Washington Post and Newsweek Magazine -- bearing in mind that the same people that own the Washington Post own Newsweek Magazine. The strategy of the scandalizing villains is to create a psychology to the effect that the President of the United States does not have a right to know what is going on. The President's authority supersedes all authority in protecting us from the enemies of America within and without. This comes under his responsibility as the Commander-in-Chief. The scandal machines have mindwashed a large segment of the American public into the idea that the President does not have a right to know his own business.

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It is common knowledge that President Lyndon Johnson had full access to every file in the Justice Department, including the FBI files and the files of the CIA. Frequently he used this information to fulfill what he considered his responsibilities as President of the United States. The same formula was exercised by all his predecessors.

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When Moses went up onto the mountain to receive the Law of God, the mischief makers among the people he had led out of Egypt toward the Promised Land immediately seduced the weaklings with the idea that a golden calf could serve a more constructive purpose than the Law of God. While Moses' back was turned, they built a golden calf. Far be it from me to equate Moses with our President, but there is a similarity in the psychology of what has taken place.

For one who has been as critical of Mr. Nixon down through the years, when I have criticized his mistakes and praised his good works, it takes some courage to give objective recognition to the fact that no President in this century has been more preoccupied with the destiny of his nation than has Mr. Nixon. He surrounded himself with brilliant young men instructed to carry on the details of White House operation while he devoted himself to what he considered to be the major projects -- the projects of priority as follows:

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1. Get our men out of Vietnam. He succeeded in bringing them all back, whereas his predecessors had sent 2,500,000 over there.

2. Rescuing our prisoners of war being held as blackmail bait in cooperation with the treason machine inside America, including the Congress that was campaigning every day and every night through the instruments of propaganda named above, to end the conflict in Southeast Asia in disgrace, defeat, compromise and virtual surrender.

3. In prayerful communication with himself and with his God, the President did what every good patriot in America wanted him to do -- intensify the bombing in North Vietnam until the enemy was driven sufficiently to its knees to agree to release the prisoners that they had not slaughtered and who had survived the torture of barbarian abuse. The formula worked and the prisoners were released. This stimulated perhaps the greatest outburst of patriotic articulation that had taken place for years.

4. At the same time he had to work out a formula for neutralizing the support that was coming from Red China and Moscow and Soviet Russia in support of the continuation of the war.

He did two things that no President before him, dealing with this situation, had the courage to do; namely, defy the military strength of both China and Russia. He journeyed to Moscow for negotiations. Based on the behavior of earlier Presidents, I just assumed that he would announce that he was going to stop the bombing until he got back from Moscow or until an agreement was reached, but not so. He intensified the bombing, proving to the world that he was not afraid of the Soviet military potentials and veiled threats and strong statements that had been issued for public consumption.

I was one who was bitterly opposed to his visit to Red China. He went, however, and I was among those that realized that being opposed to his going could not wipe out the reality of what happened. Lo and behold, he did not weaken our military posture during his visit to Red China. He not only intensified the bombing, but he came back and blew up the Chinese railroad into Vietnam and continued to tighten with explosive mines the harbor that had been used to bring in lethal weapons for the slaughter of our sons.

The results of these visits to our ideological and military enemies turned out to be Machiavellian -- in other words, an act resulting in what seemed to be a providential outcome.

Overnight we discovered that Russia was more afraid of Red China than she was of us and that China was more afraid of Russia than of us. They were both more fearful of want and starvation of their people than they were of lack of military weapons. Overnight there seemed to be a softening of the relationship, due to the fact that we were willing to sell food and fibres to these people rather than to pay farmers to destroy them. It is too early to say that Red China and Russia are, literally speaking, 'eating out of our hand', but Mr. Nixon made a discovery that no President had ever made; namely, we are not afraid of Red China or Russia militaristically. We defied their threats and they did not pick up the gauntlet. We bombed North Vietnam. We closed the harbor. We freed our prisoners. We defied their threats and lethal statements and even though Mr. Nixon inherited the spirit of defeat and the formula of a no-win war, he was able to bring it to a potential conclusion with honor, self-respect and the freedom of our prisoners of war.

Thus, in the development of this circumstance, we became the balance of

world power and both of our gigantic traditional enemies began to realize that we were the difference in any dispute that they might have. This probably adds up to one of the most strategic diplomatic victories in the history of any nation.

During this preoccupation with the priorities of the world crisis, our President was taunted and nagged by traitors in the Congress and by highly organized campaigns of treason, encouraged, fed and favorably propagandized by the treason machine, including the television networks, the New York Times, the Washington Post and Newsweek Magazine.

This summary does not include all the villains such as the Los Angeles Times, but the summary symbolizes the 'dagger-stabbers' that did not allow a day to pass without driving a dagger into the back of our President.

Right wing patriots who have found consolation in helping these revolutionists and traitors destroy our President merely because they do not agree with him on some important matters, make no contribution to the constructive destiny of America, and I propose to separate myself from every individual and organization that has allowed itself to be a tool of treason in this, one of the most critical moments in the history of our nation.

We will challenge the average citizen or a citizen in a position of great responsibility such as the President of a great corporation or the Pastor of a great church or the head of a great educational system -- if you had been faced with the responsibilities that were assumed by Mr. Nixon as summarized above, while being sabotaged and downgraded by powerful forces all over the world, including inside your own nation, how much time would you have had to do anything else? And who can you name that has carried that much responsibility with constructive results in the last few years?

The President isolated himself from political nagging and nit-picking interviews and self-seeking name-droppers by appointing to his personal staff young men with intelligent loyalty who followed his instruction by saying, "As long as you, Mr. President, are in the midst of these life-and-death responsibilities that have assumed a position of priority, we will try to insulate you and isolate you from interruptions". They did this.

How could any man assume all these responsibilities and still seek reelection for the Presidency of the United States? Always before he had been the brain and guiding genius of his own political campaign, but in the midst of responsibilities summarized above, how could any President run a political campaign? There was organized, therefore, a special committee for the reelection of the President, headed by men of intelligence, dedication and loyalty. They organized committees. They raised money. They faced the threat of political victory by what I choose to call the treason machine that had kidnapped the Democratic Party.

During the campaign we had expected to support Governor Wallace, but he was taken out of the campaign because of the wounds he received at the hands of a potential assassin; one of the saddest facts in American history.

This left those of us committed to the ideals of George Wallace and the Party that he had formed with only two choices: Nixon versus McGovern. In the meantime a little handful of extremists that seemed more dedicated to hating their President than they did to preserving America, kidnapped the

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American Independent Party so completely that even Governor Wallace did not give it support and allowed his silence during the period of illness to militate favorably to the defeat of McGovern.

We put out a circular summarizing 52 Reasons Why McGovern Should Be Defeated. They were as follows:

1. McGovern was a part of the Communist-supported Progressive Party in 1948 headed by Henry Agard Wallace.
2. Considered a security risk by responsible Congressional investigators as early as 1950.
3. Advocates making the U.S.A. a second-class military power.
4. The favorite candidate of our military foes on the battlefield.
5. Assured street fighters in Washington that if he were President, they would be dining in the White House instead of rioting in the streets.
6. Favors compulsory busing without compromise.
7. Favorite candidate of the national homosexual-lesbian society.
8. Favorite candidate of the marijuana cult.
9. Has the support of all left wing organizations everywhere.
10. Consistent saboteur of American military policy.
11. A partisan of Angela Davis, the self-confessed Communist.
12. Favorite candidate of the left wing New York Times.
13. Too radical for organized labor.
14. While posing as a commoner, he received nearly one million dollars in contributions before the Convention from one man.
15. Favorite of the most radical black militant groups.
16. Addressed rally in Los Angeles in honor of a hijacker who threatened the lives of 85 people and tried to turn it into left wing propaganda.
17. Supports Cesar Chavez, who is considered as a spearhead of the Marxist revolution among farm workers.

18. Advocates tax slavery for the middle class and other responsible people in order to underwrite millions of irresponsibles who refuse to work.
19. Opposed by two-thirds of the Democrats in Congress.
20. Opposed by most of the Democratic Governors in the nation before the Convention.
21. Constantly speaking in favor of our military enemies with no criticism of the slaughter that the Communists have carried on against the people of South Vietnam. If his policy had been embraced, America would have gone down into complete national disgrace.
22. When addressing a group of radical church leaders, as recorded in Time Magazine, June 6, 1969, McGovern said: "The church must be prepared to support resistance movements, including revolutions . . ."
23. Supported enthusiastically by the widow of Martin Luther King.
24. Wants all welfare families to be guaranteed \$6500.00 a year, whether they work or not.
25. Kathleen Kennedy, the daughter of the late Senator Bobby Kennedy, in making a McGovern speech before college students was asked: "Is it true that McGovern was associated with Henry Agard Wallace in 1948 when he ran for President on the Progressive ticket with the support of the Communist Party?" Miss Kennedy answered by saying: "Yes, it is true. It is also true that Henry Wallace was a Communist and I guess that Senator McGovern was a Communist then, too, but he isn't any more." No wonder he was put on a security risk list by a Congressional Committee.
26. Supports the World Council of Churches which donates to international revolutionary activities.
27. Advocates that Martin Luther King's birthday be made a national holiday. Even the most objective observers now admit that King was a hypocrite, a whoremonger, a modernist, and for all practical purposes a tool of the Communist Party.
28. He is the enthusiastic choice of the treason machine, sometimes referred to as the national networks.
29. He advocates a coalition government with Communists in Vietnam which would sentence 17 million people to bondage, slavery and death.
30. Before the death of the great J. Edgar Hoover, he promised that, if elected, he would remove him.

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31. Receives large contributions from the notorious Communist Corliss Lamont, who admits he is a Communist.
32. During the McGovern Convention in Miami, plotters were caught conspiring to blow up the Republican Convention. They were arrested and taken to Tallahassee where six have been indicted; but these dynamiters and gun shooters and plotters were glorified with the consent of Mr. McGovern in the Convention.
33. According to retired General Edwin Walker, he was sent home during World War II for cowardice.
34. Responsible businessmen insist that McGovern would wreck the economy.
35. Vigorously opposes devotions in schoolhouses.
36. Opposes the war in Vietnam, but favors military action in the Middle East.
37. Would double the taxes for the middle class in order to support the irresponsible and the welfare loafers.
38. One important businessman in Iowa said: "If McGovern is elected President, I'll probably want to go out and commit suicide."
39. Another responsible citizen said: "This guy McGovern is as phony as a \$3.00 bill".
40. "Overconfidence on the part of the opposition to McGovern could elect him", said one observer. "He promises the moon to everybody except the people who have to pay the taxes".
41. He would murder the responsible corporations. When a corporation dies, that kills labor.
42. Posing as the voice of the poor, he lives in a \$110,000 Japanese styled mansion, free of debt. His large family are all free spenders.
43. Stewart R. Mott, the left wing son of the largest stockholder in General Motors, contributed \$797-500.00 to McGovern during the Primaries.
44. One leading businessman in Houston, Texas said: "McGovern's election would set the Nation back 100 years.
45. It is sensationally true that he is the first Democratic nominee for the Presidency who has been opposed by organized labor and organized business.

46. He is the darling of the baby killing fraternity which campaigns for abortion.
47. McGovern is the darling of the draft dodgers because he favors bringing all the draft dodgers back from Canada and elsewhere and setting them free without even a slap on the wrist.
48. He favors moving the slum population out of the so-called ghettos into the suburbs with Federal subsidy, thus degenerating the suburbs the way these people have degenerated the central cities.
49. He is opposed to all help to private schools.
50. McGovern lives in splendor and luxury. He receives from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 per speech, and he makes between 50 and 75 such speeches a year. There is nothing illegal about this, but it is done by a man who is always talking about the poor hungry population.
51. Being the head of the Democratic ticket, he is likely to draw many good old-fashioned Democrats now in office down to defeat.
52. The American Peace Crusade, of which George McGovern was an official sponsor, was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Committee.

Where does this find us in the narrative? We find a President with his time and mind completely consumed with problems so Herculean that no executive or man of responsibility can imagine himself handling all these things as effectively and as constructively as they were handled.

Subordinates and trusted associates were running the political campaign when suddenly a deadly rumor, based on respected intelligence came to the ears of individuals responsible for the life and safety of the President and the conduct of the campaign -- and even the safety of the delegates to the Republican Convention. By and large, the real Democrats had been run out of the Democratic Party and the so-called Democratic Party convention in Miami was being organized and planned and set up by the wildest fraternity of revolutionists, nuts, fanatics, eccentrics, hippies, homosexuals, lesbians, traitors, bomb-throwers and killers ever to take over a big Party convention. In fact, the rioters and killers and the troublemakers that wanted to burn down the Convention Hall in Chicago when Mr. Humphrey was nominated took over the Miami Convention, together with creeps and characters that even shocked some of the wilder revolutionists that demonstrated at Chicago.

About this time alleged traitors and seditionists proceeded to break into our military headquarters, to copy and steal military secrets declared to be important in the strategic consummation of the Vietnamese conflict.

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It was only natural that those in positions of serious responsibility in the Justice Department and in the White House itself would want to know what sort of people had stolen these military secrets. Were they intelligent traitors or were they insane fanatics? It was the judgment, according to responsible reports, of reliable people that a special investigation should be conducted so that facts could be put on the President's desk as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army that would increase his intelligence concerning this matter.

As this was written, rumor-mongers, scandalmongers and character assassins were denying the President the right to this intelligence and were using this circumstance to justify their release of these alleged military document thieves. Sometimes the most impractical service that can be rendered a good man or a good Cause is for zealous patriots and devoted disciples to overreach their authority in safeguarding the welfare of their nation, their President and the political instrument necessary to return him to the office of the Presidency.

The Grand Jury in Washington, D.C. which, in a sense, now holds the destiny of the Nation in its hands, is Black.

It has now been revealed by competent reports that if McGovern had been elected, it would have been considered a complete victory for our military enemy and every enemy of the United States was cooperating with the revolutionary party that had kidnapped the original Democratic Party and had its headquarters in a place called the Watergate Hotel.

If McGovern had won, it would have been announced as a complete defeat for the United States of America in its Vietnamese conflict. Reliable informers tell us that at least half of our prisoners of war would have been held as 'blackmail meat', with the understanding that every demand of the enemy would have been met before these prisoners were released, meaning that we would have been compelled to come up with billions of dollars, signed treaties of defeat, desert our allies and sentence 25,000,000 South Vietnamese patriots to the bondage of military defeat by one of the most barbaric nations in the world; even then, they might have held our prisoners of war.

They would have administered napalm, practiced genocide and reduced these deserted people to permanent political slavery.

Intelligent investigators and wise observers knew all of this and they believed that the election of Mr. Nixon as President of the United States was more than a political campaign; it was almost a military conflict and they knew that they were dealing with not only barbaric killers on the battlefield, but conscienceless traitors at home who had been able to project their mindwashing propaganda through the instrumentalities of members of Congress and the media machine of treason identified above.

Thus, the strategists who had been charged with the responsibility of accumulating intelligence and facts concerning the danger and the threat that the enemy was imposing upon us by political instruments concluded that

the top priority was political victory, protection of the President and the identification of the enemies. This fact made the political campaign seem more like a military strategy than a political campaign. To those of intense responsibility and with inside information, they concluded that a victory for McGovern was almost equivalent to losing the war on the battlefield.

Thus, based on responsible leads indicating that the Watergate office was in touch with Havana and Hanoi and other centers of enemy power, they proceeded to outline a program for getting their hands on this information with clear conscience and patriotic determination.

Even the vilest accusers and the most irresponsible rumor-mongers that have been using the Watergate incident to destroy the right wing regime that turned back the left wing lava flow that manifested itself in the November election, have not been able to say that the incident involved graft, the embezzling of money or the use of government influence for profit.

The worst that can be said about the invaders of Watergate is the fact that it was technically illegal and based on crusading determination. Evidently those who carried out this formula which was mishandled, did it with a clear conscience similar to that which they might have exercised if they had been in North Vietnam searching out military secrets.

Removed from the knowledge of the leads which prompted their venture, this may seem eccentric and fanatical, but in the light of what they must have known, it must have seemed very moderate.

With all the speculation that has been done concerning this incident, no one has brought out as of the time that this manuscript was dictated, what motivated these men. I propose to try to find that out and before this hurricane of character assassination and destructive criticism has passed, someone is going to tell us why a group of solid, patriotic, law-abiding citizens would risk their life, their liberty, their reputation and their fortunes to ascertain the facts in fulfillment of the leads they had concerning the alleged pipeline of treason that fed into the Watergate headquarters.

I could devote a whole manuscript summarizing my differences of opinion with President Nixon and Senator Nixon and Congressman and Vice-President Nixon down across the years, but I put my head way out on the guillotine block where the enemy can spring the trap if I am wrong when I say I BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS SINCERE, INNOCENT OF WRONG AND INTELLIGENTLY COURAGEOUS IN THE WAY HE HAS HANDLED THE WATERGATE EPISODE.

I do not look upon even the indicted and convicted ones as criminals. I look upon them as patriots who were either misguided in their strategy or awkward in the fulfillment of their responsibilities.

It never ceases to amaze me that the 'crucifixion crowd' who are determined to liquidate with prison, smear and character assassination the Watergate personalities are the very ones who have lionized and glorified Alger Hiss, the Pentagon document thieves, the libertine Kennedy, the treason fraternity headed by Ramsey Clark, Jane Fonda and her ilk.

Those who would answer this manuscript superficially, saying, "Oh, yes, but there was much complaint raised, even by Republicans". Not by responsible Republicans, only by Republicans who were looking for a safe place

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to jump off the sinking ship if, as and when the enemies of America had been able to destroy our President and therefore an Administration dedicated to holding back the tidal wave of left wing tyranny.

Yes, there is much to be done, but the President has been hindered by an obstinate Congress more interested in smearing the President than in the welfare of America -- more interested in spendthrift demagoguery than tax-saving projects. A poll of public opinion reveals that the most popular candidate for the Presidency of the United States is Teddy Kennedy, which indicates the depths to which our people have dropped in their estimate of character and have been enveloped in political ignorance.

How could any man be elected President in the United States who cannot answer the following questions satisfactorily?

Did you co-habit with a single young woman on an island near Martha's Vineyard? Did you drive that girl purposely toward an out of the way place and accidentally run the car into the bay?

Did you go off and leave the car after she had drowned inside of it? Did you try to cover up? Did you have enough political influence to bury the investigation records so that no one can see them?

Until these questions are answered, how can you, Teddy Kennedy, expect the people to elect you President of the United States?

We have developed an apathetic vote in this country that seems to be immune to questions involving moral integrity and the mindwashing machine has sunk so low that it continues to glorify the libertine Kennedy while making the Watergate episode look like the biggest scandal in American history.

Below I quote a logical and objective summary concerning Chappaquiddick and Teddy Kennedy which appeared in The National Observer for May 5, 1973.

"But Kennedy also had a handicap, and to many people his crime at Chappaquiddick Island will be recalled with a revulsion exceeding that produced by Watergate.

"Kennedy is a multimillionaire, the leader of the nation's most famous family, and the most popular member of the nation's most popular political party. He has never had cause to be tempted by tainted money or serious political trickery. He has always been rich in every way a politician needs to be rich.

"But on a memorable summer night a few years ago, United States Sen. Kennedy, brother of a slain President and a slain Presidential candidate, eschewed the company of his family and peers and attended a small party at a remote house on a remote island. The others in attendance were Kennedy batmen and some single girls who had worked in Kennedy campaigns.

"Kennedy left the party with one of the girls and drove toward a remote beach. He said later he made a wrong turn, that he didn't really want to go to the remote beach. Any-

way the car he was driving tumbled off a primitive bridge and Kennedy's passenger was killed. Most of what happened in the succeeding hours is enveloped in mystery, a mystery that a Massachusetts court was pleased to leave undisturbed.

"We do have Kennedy's word for it that his panicky reaction was to swim from Chappaquiddick to Edgartown, a feat that under the circumstances puts him in the same pantheon with Leander and Mark Spitz. Back in his motel, and without notifying the authorities, the Senator changed his clothes and, apparently to establish an alibi, asked the desk clerk (at 3 a.m.) the time of night.

"More hours passed before police were called. Every particle of evidence available to the public indicates that Kennedy's first concern was to cover up his involvement in the fatal accident. Despite all this, the court did no more than lift the Senator's driver's license for a year. A less famous and powerful man, it is safe to guess, would have received a different sentence."

The problem with Kennedy and his fraternity of destroyers who are willing virtually to overthrow the Government of the United States, downgrade the Presidency and encourage the return of solutions of defeat in Southeast Asia -- these people -- these instruments -- these destroyers -- these character assassins know that the only way they can elevate Kennedy to the White House is to bury the present administration in lies, smears, character assassination even though it would create international chaos, economic panic and revolutionary uprisings. Every destructive force that operated at the Miami Democratic Convention last summer is supporting Kennedy for President. Their job is to make Watergate look worse than Chappaquiddick.

Has hypocrisy ever demonstrated itself more completely than when Mr. Kennedy calls for a complete investigation of all the nit-picking details concerning the Watergate matter, but whenever he is questioned in a public meeting concerning the drowning girl and the hidden court records, he walks out in indignation and anger. How can a man like Kennedy and Senator Tunney, exposed by a responsible daily newspaper with pictures as having co-habited with women not their wives on a yacht overnight or more nights -- how can such men get on the television and the radio or give releases to the newspapers manifesting self-righteous concern about the moral questions involved in the Watergate episode?

Evidently they expect the American people to be unconcerned about adultery, libertinism, drunkenness, manslaughter, etc. The American people must not notice things like this. They must only think about Watergate! Watergate! Watergate!

There isn't a realistic politician in America that wouldn't confess, if cornered for the facts, that secret investigations have been a part of the political strategy of America and of the world since the beginning of time. Even when no emergency exists.

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A subtle hope: Information from a source that I cannot reveal suggests that the most intelligent strategists in the Republican Party are not averse to an impeachment proceeding against Mr. Nixon because it would give him and others the opportunity to bring out the most sensational facts, which when given to the public, would likely make a national hero of the President and would create a clamor among the American people to release from prison all those who have been sentenced under the technicalities of the law for doing something they believed to be moral in the sight of God and for the sake of their country.

In reviewing the President's address in which he discussed the Water-gate matter, do not forget that in that address he pointed out that 'the end does not justify the means, regardless of how noble the end may be'. This sentence conveyed to me the fact that he considered the purpose of these courageous patriots as noble. If someone were to break into a gangster headquarters and get information necessary to protect the life of a loved one, they would be technically guilty of thievery, but in the sight of God, they would have saved the life of a loved one.

I am not suggesting that the logic concerning this matter be oversimplified. It is very possible that over zealous people did the things that should not have been done, but I join with Governor Reagan of California when he said, "I refuse to call these men criminals".

Although Senator Goldwater wobbled and indulged in some mealy-mouthed conversation, his young son, Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr. made one of the most brilliant statements that has been made concerning the matter when in Columbus, Ohio he said, "Political espionage has always been practiced because politicians always want to know what the opposition is doing".

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS

President Nixon is likely to come through this controversy with flying colors, although the same vicious meat-chopping machine that was used to destroy Senator Joseph McCarthy is being used against Mr. Nixon.

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A Nixon that at one time was impatient with Senator McCarthy and practiced expediency in dealing with highly controversial figures, must upon reflection now realize what these people went through.

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The enemies of America, the treason machine in general and the Communist Party have never forgiven Mr. Nixon for exposing Alger Hiss because he was planted where he was supposed to render the greatest service for the enemy -- at the elbow of Franklin D. Roosevelt and as Secretary-General of the United Nations. Thanks to Mr. Nixon, the strategy of this man was frustrated and reversed.

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We hear very little about the fact that the chief investigator for the Ervin Committee was dismissed because it was learned that he had been indicted for a crime.

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As this manuscript went to press, seven men, all with backgrounds of character, courage and patriotism and schooled in the tricks of international intelligence designed to protect our nation and our President, were sentenced to prison.

The mindwashing gang and the treason machine seeking to destroy the strength of the Executive Department of our Government has zeroed in on seventeen more men of character, influence and patriotic loyalty.

Two or three have weakened under the pressure and have attempted to buy safety by the exercise of duplicity. I list the seventeen.

1. Frederick LaRue, former special assistant in the White House and to Mitchell on Nixon committee.
2. Dwight Chapin, former appointments secretary to President Nixon.
3. H. R. Haldeman, loyal friend of the President for seventeen years who has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar between the President and those who would jeopardize his concentration as he brought the war to an end and, best of all, freed our prisoners of war.
4. Gordon Strachan, former White House assistant to Mr. Haldeman.
5. Robert Mardian, former head of the internal security division of the Justice Dept.
6. John Ehrlichman, chief adviser to the President on domestic affairs.
7. Hugh Sloan, Jr. former White House assistant to Dwight Chapin and treasurer of Nixon re-election committee.
8. Egil Krogh, Jr., former assistant to Mr. Ehrlichman and later Under Secretary of Transportation.
9. John W. Dean, III, President's chief counsel.
10. Charles Colson, Special counsel to the President.
11. Herbert Kalmbach, served as personal lawyer to Mr. Nixon.
12. John Mitchell, Former Attorney General and head of the Committee to Re-Elect Mr. Nixon.
13. Maurice Stans, Former Secretary of Commerce and head of the Committee to Re-Elect the President.
14. Kenneth Parkinson, Washington attorney, hired by Nixon Re-Election Committee.
15. Jeb Magruder, White House aide to Mr. Haldeman.
16. Herbert Porter, Former White House aide in Herbert Klein's communications office.
17. Donald Segretti, California lawyer and political strategist.

Fundamentally, every person in this group has a background of A-1 character, loyalty and intelligence.

Out of seventeen men, one or two could prove to be disappointing. Even our Lord was unable to find twelve men who would remain completely loyal while He was being sentenced to death by a 'kangaroo court' that forced Pilate, the politician, to sentence Him to death, even against his better judgment.

WARNING

In studying the Watergate crisis, one must not allow his bias against Nixon or for Nixon to influence his conclusions. We must be reminded that a gang of destructive journalists, news media scandalizers, demagogues, revolutionists, and underground conspirators have joined together to use this circumstance to weaken the whole governmental structure and to turn back the tidal wave of right wing recovery represented by the victory of President Nixon in the 1972 election.

Touchy right wingers and milk sop Republicans who are afraid to exercise masculinity in resisting revolutionary techniques must not be taken too seriously. In order to save and protect their own hides, they have uttered shifty weasel-word statements designed to give them a springboard in case they are faced with the opportunity of deserting what they fear might be a sinking ship.

On the contrary, the ship will sail stronger than ever and the people who have taken Watergate too seriously are likely to blush from the crowns of their heads to the tip of their toes.

True enough, there have been blunders, awkward fulfillment of orders, overreaction and infiltration by weaklings who have been quick to say anything or offer any compromise that might bring them relief from threatened conviction or incarceration.

Mature observers cannot forget that there is always the one, or more, who will take the thirty pieces of silver.

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DID YOU KNOW --

1. Did you know that one of Lyndon Johnson's closest advisers was caught in a perverted sex attack in the men's rest room of the Washington, D.C. YMCA?
 2. Did you know that Lyndon Johnson ordered a subordinate to give Bobby Baker \$1,000,000.00 to keep his mouth shut and take the fall for the corruption in which he was overtaken and Bobby Baker served a term in the penitentiary in order to cover up for the President of the United States?
 3. Do you remember that in the term of Harry Truman, one of his closest
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advisers was the Jew David Niles, a known Communist?

4. Do you remember the scandal involving favors, income tax evasions and income tax fixes that came to the surface during the Truman Administration?

5. Do you remember the Sherman Adams incident when he was removed for accepting so-called corrupted gifts and favors from an important Jew in Boston? He was President Eisenhower's closest adviser.

6. Do you remember how fixed politicians in Massachusetts covered up the files and locked them so no one could see them concerning the mysterious death of Teddy Kennedy's girlfriend who drowned in the Bay and was left all night inside Mr. Kennedy's car while he fled to a neighboring hotel and tried to cover up the idea that he knew anything about it, etc., etc.

I call your attention to another reference to this matter earlier in the manuscript, including a quotation from the National Observer.

7. Do you realize that the deal to pay off Bobby Baker in behalf of President Johnson was consummated in the office of the former Speaker of the House of Representatives, John McCormack?

8. Do you realize that the left-wing press was familiar with the libertine practices of the late Franklin Roosevelt? The nit-pickers and the garbage pickers and the muckrakers who are trying to destroy our Executive Department in the name of Watergate, were not interested in revealing what they already knew; namely, that Roosevelt was sleeping with his secretary in his own house in New York while his wife, by consent, occupied a back bedroom. In addition to this, he was maintaining a concubine in Maryland and it was not uncommon for him to charter the expense of a Presidential train to go by there and fulfill his lustful desires. Even so, the left wing, Jew-controlled press made this man President four times, violating the two term precedent and sat back and allowed him to precipitate a war that the people didn't want and create with American dollars a Frankenstein monster out of the Soviet Union. A journalist or a public official or a private citizen that can get excited about Watergate without getting excited about the depravity of Franklin Roosevelt has no right to ask the American public to believe in his character or his logic.

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I suggest these reflections not because I want to make this a document of scandalmongering, but any one of these offenses deserves more publicity than Watergate.

If the Washington Post and the New York Times were writing a scandal story on Jesus Christ, they would condemn Him on the grounds that He had associated with Him a traitor by the name of Judas Iscariot and a coward by the name of Peter who denied Him on the night that He was betrayed.

We must not forget that the men who invaded the Watergate headquarters took with them two Cubans. This supports the theory that there was a suspicion that the Watergate had a pipeline into Havana, containing not only propaganda and conspiracy formulas, but money as well.

WHEN IS LAW VIOLATION RIGHTEOUS?

EXAMPLES

1. Running a red light to escape a bandit.
2. Exceeding the speed limit to overtake a kidnapper.
3. Looting a file in search of treason.
4. Breaking a lock to enter a building to snatch a bomb about to explode.
5. Deceptive reports to a burglar attempting to locate valuables.
6. Killing in defense of one's family, such as protecting one's wife from a ravisher and a rapist.
7. All is fair in love and war. If McGovern had won it would have been equivalent to losing the war completely and leaving our prisoners to rot in death as 'blackmail bait'.

Conclusion: Suppose you believed and were convinced by proper authorities that a certain organization headquarters had in it information and materials involving threats to the destiny of your nation. Would you have to be a criminal in order to seize those materials, even in violation of the technical law, if it meant saving the lives of important people and protecting America against revolutionary trickery endangering our entire destiny?

REMINDER

When a man enlists in the Secret Service or in the spy network or in military or naval intelligence, he does so knowing that he is risking his life, just as much as if he were enlisting in the Army. If he is caught, he must pay the penalty that the enemy metes out to him, rather than to reveal the machinations of his operation.

The same dedication seemed to prevail among most of the men who entered the Watergate headquarters and participated in the plan. But, when they were caught, the Judas mentalities came to the surface and certain individuals in the complex wanted to have complete protection. Not receiving this, they threatened to talk and their bluff was called. Their duplicity has been used as an instrument of character assassination by the treason machine and the mindwashing complex of the networks and the spear-head journals bent on the annihilation of the Nixon regime.

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GREAT JOURNALIST COMMENTS

Victor Lasky, the eminent columnist, writing in the Indianapolis Star for April 28 said, "Spying, bugging, wiretapping and sabotage have long been weapons in the Democratic Party arsenal against Republican presidential candidates. Which is why the moaning and groaning emanating from Democratic quarters over the Watergate is so hypocritical . . ."

Speaking of other days, Mr. Lasky refers to the presidential campaign of 1960 with these words:

"That was an election that was actually stolen by the Democrats. Vote frauds in key states such as Illinois, Texas and Missouri gave the contest by a slim margin to John F. Kennedy. The results could easily have been contested by Richard M. Nixon, who lost the presidency by 118,000 votes. Instead, Mr. Nixon took the position that any such move on his part would destroy the power of the presidency and leave the nation paralyzed in critical times . . ."

"What Mr. Nixon's critics are seeking to do is to destroy the power of the presidency. To use political analyst David Broder's phrase, in another context, they are seeking 'The Breaking of the President' . . ."

"The hypocrisy of the President's critics has been noted by Godfrey Sperling, Jr., national political correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

"Sperling noted 'that the motives of many of those who are attempting to nail the President on Watergate are not based entirely on their abhorrence of immorality in government, or their intense desire to bring purity to public life in general and to the presidency in particular'.

"In fact', Sperling went on, 'I contend that much of the zeal behind the Watergate probe is led by liberal critics who want to break the President in order to blunt Mr. Nixon's conservative thrust. Thus the Watergate issue to these critics -- or to many of them -- is more a tactic -- a means to an end -- than an end in itself.'

"Generally speaking, the media kept silent over the stealing of the 1960 election. There were few editorials bemoaning the gigantic 'political crime'..

"During the 1968 Democratic Convention, the National Broadcasting Company planted a bugging device in a closed meeting of the platform committee in Chicago. Following the discovery of the illegal microphone, NBC acknowledged that 'overzealous and overeager employees, acting without authority' had been responsible . . .

"The previous month, a tape recorder was concealed at a closed meeting attended by Richard Nixon when he addressed Southern delegates. The transcript of what Mr. Nixon had said was published the following morning in both the Miami Herald and the St. Petersburg Times.

"Needless to say, there was no condemnation of such practices in any of the news media, who are now so exercised over Watergate."

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August 8, 1973

Mr. R. H. Cook
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Dear Mr. Cook:

Thanks for your recent letters.

I agree with you in supporting the President. It does look like a lot of people are out to get him, but I believe that he was not involved in Watergate. What bothers me greatly about this whole Watergate mess is that it may obscure the excellent record the President has established over the past four years. We are doing everything in our power to see that ~~that~~ doesn't happen.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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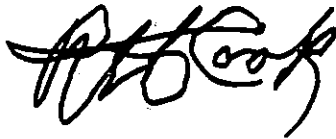
Mr. Geo Bush,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

I like to think that I have been of some help in influencing votes for Our President in both campaigns, I had faith in him then and inspite of all the innuendo and suggestive suggestions by our Biblical freind Mr. Ervin i am convinced that all the biblical lore quoted by Sammy that tis not caused by his Sanctity but by Pure Parry Politics and that the wolfe Pack howling at the Presidents heels is just plain unadulterated and condected harassment and my honest opinion is Mr. Hatfeild which I beleive is jelousy and frustration at not being chosen bearer of the Republican standard at Chicago. I can't beleive that Mr. Nixon ever thought ofor would condone such a damnpool thing as the Water gate, and until they prove it I am still on his team. When the whole Maa forgets all the things that this man has accomplished and does their damndest to unseat him, they make me think of a flock of sheep that follow the frightened ram over a precipice and personally I think the continuence of this policy will make our country ripe for a communist take over

Very truly yours

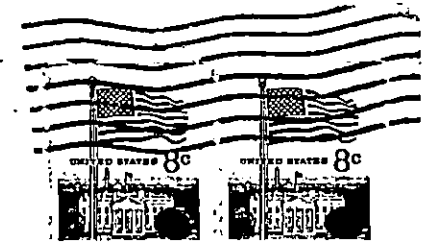
R.H. "Doc" Cook,



P.S I still think this was awell planned plot to get the president ,That came powerful close to accomplishing it's purpose, poor punctuation ,Misspelling and poor grammer are par for the course and being blind is no assett

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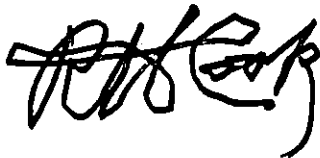
Dear Mr. Bush;

As you can see the old eye is not good. I thank you for your letter and I feel that it takes your time which can well be used in the endeavor we both so strongly support.

Early in the proceedings of Watergate testified "We were out to get the President "This man has been conveniently forgotten by old turtle face and swept under the rug, You might call it a Coverup.

Now there were three men any one of whom could have blown the whistle on the would be burglars. My first choice was either one of Nixons closest Contacts one of them had kinda kept The Presidents oldest friends from seeing him as frequently as they wished, They were my first choice, However after listening and watching Mr Dean He is one hell of a good bet. I think Watergate was a carefully planned plot to destroy Nixon and louse up his foreign Policy, that came awfully damn near being successful. I do not believe Snoopy Sammy's motives are anything but vindictive, Destruct and one hell of a lot more detrimental to the Government than any small gain or good that can be derived from this legal hipodrome that will outclass even Sirhan Sirhans grand slam in California,

Best regards and thanks for listening



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Cook R.H.
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To the Editor

July 30, 1973

Mr. R. H. Cook
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Dear Mr. Cook:

I just want you to know that I had received
your letter to the Editor and I appreciate your
sending it along. Thank you also for your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Letters To The Editor

Wallowing In Watergate

I hate to steal another man's thunder and apologize to the President for so doing. However, it is appropriate. While Ervin, Cox, and assorted sleuths have by innuendo, cartoon and snide remarks tried their damndest to implicate the President, as he so aptly stated, wallowing in Watergate. He the President has kept on doing business as usual, not stopping even when he knew its continuance might have serious results. Mr. Nixon has kept his cool, setting a good example for all those who have been so busy tending to everything but what they should be tending to. Mr. Ervin has proven to be quite a Bible student. However, the big laugh is

that for every quote there is somewhere in the book a contradiction. Now when one is an avid party man one does not search out any of the other party's good points but like I say Snoopy Sammy one wallows in what one hopes will cause the downfall of the one he opposes. Now I understand Mr. Ervin is quite a hero down in his state and no doubt will be reelected which is all right with me especially if he will work as hard for needed legislation as he has to make the U.S. a sort of oddball to the rest of the world.

R. H. (Doc) Cook
Klamath County
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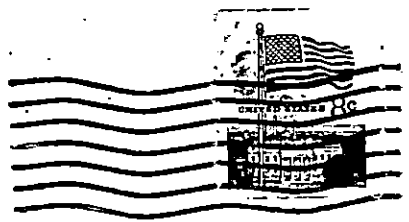
Today's Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, July 25, the 206th day of 1973 with 159 to follow.
The moon is approaching its new phase.
The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
The evening star is Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo.
American artist Maxfield Parrish was born July 25, 1870.
His day in history: In 1943, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy replaced Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini who was executed by a squad of partisans in 1945.

Hi Ho SAMMY

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B.H. Cook, 5160 Summers Lane,
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George Bush, Chairman,
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July 19, 1973

Mr. R. H. Cook
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Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to write. I appreciate receiving the benefit of your views, and while I agree that more than enough time and money have been spent on Wagergate; at the same time I believe we must see the thing through and get at the truth.

I also agree with you that if it were not for a few misguided zealots this whole miserable business would never have occurred. We must, however, maintain our faith in the President. He, like everyone else, is innocent until proved guilty.

Many thanks for your letter, and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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" PLUCKING UNCLE SAM(S GOLDEN GOOSEQ

On the Radio this morning came the gladsome tidings ,That Mr.Cox had asked for an additional (,IF I heard right) Two and a half million dollars with which to carry to a conclusion the Watergate Story. OH Goody Now we can be assured of a few more months of what Sam Ervin & company hope they can prove and what those entangled in the mess say has no foundation for fact. I can't ever remember any previous scandals where such a goodly number of our members of both the House & Senate have so vigorously belittled their own country to the entire world as have our present crop who are letting needed legislation lay neglected while they theorize on Could It be so and do you suppose, .Mr.Cox is no doubt a very competent gentleman and knows full well the cost of modern legal hipodromes , however economical he is not .But then what the heck is a couple million more ore for John Q Public will fork up the dough and after they have proven That Nixon was not involved they can hunt other fish to fry.And Ladies and Gentlemen I defy any member of any of those amateur sleuths to point to one damn thing has been benefited by not covering up that a few over zealous politicians tried so hard to do only to be betrayed by those who as an early one testified "GET THE PRESIDENT and that slippery gent is wondering right now whether he had not better hightail it to an other country before it is to late,

Doc Cook

Klamath County Nurseing Home

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AIR MAIL

Cope, Maurice
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April 19, 1973

Mr. Maurice A. Cope
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Dear Mr. Cope:

Thanks for your further letter and your good wishes. They are greatly appreciated.

I concur with your views relative to the Watergate matter, and I believe the President's definitive instructions issued during the past few days will help to bring about a satisfactory resolution of this affair.

With every good wish to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I never expected a reply!

I hope futur events not only keep me well impressed with you personally, but bring about the success you mention.

It is too bad that Mr. Nixon had to pull his punches on local Republican candidates in order to insure the defeat of McGovern. But now that all that is past, can't he step in somehow and pull the rug out from under the demos in the Watergate matter?

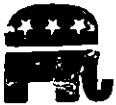
If not he should, as Senator Goldwater says, make a complete statement with no holds barred. Even President Nixon's staunchest supporters are beginning to wonder; the erosion bodes no good.

With best wishes for success in 1974

Maurice A. Cope

April 15, 1973

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Republican National Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

April 5, 1973

Dear Mr. Cope:

Your comments to Mr. Maurice Stans, former Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, have been brought to my attention inasmuch as I have recently been elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

I can understand your feeling concerning the wording of our appeal and have relayed your comments to our Finance Division for their consideration in formulating future solicitations.

Wouldn't it be great if we could adopt that philosophy! I'm going to do my level best to see that we work together to bring about a Republican Majority in '74. I am committed to that goal and with your help we will succeed in our efforts to give the President the support he needs in Congress.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

Mr. Maurice A. Cope
2417 Prospect Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

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*Cope, Maurice A
& Watergate*

May 8, 1973

Mr. Maurice A. Cope
2417 Prospect Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Mr. Cope:

I have your good letter of May 2 and want to thank you for your contribution to the party, and thank you for sending along your views on the theory of Watergate. I want to see this matter cleaned up and cleaned up in its entirety. It's not good for politics and it doesn't help the Republican Party. I am convinced, however, that in the long run the Party will not be damaged, and I'll be darned if I'm going to let the ugliness of Watergate obscure the many positive accomplishments of the President and the Party. Thanks so much for your continued support. It means a lot.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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MAURICE A. COPE

Manufacturers Representative

2417 PROSPECT AVENUE

Evanston, Illinois 60201

312 - 328-1934

May 2, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee

Dear Mr. Bush:

About a year ago I agreed to help re-elect Benedict Arnold Percy, while those who asked me to do so, and others around about were sabotaging Mr. Nixon. This I did not realize until much later.

Now, - I wish I could agree with you that the President will resolve the "Watergate Affair" but I'm afraid he is fighting windmills that completely amaze him and frustrate him.

Listen to this cock-eyed theory of mine.....The Watergate affair is the greatest political put on ever known. Somewhere in the east a few inside people are gleefully enjoying the manner in which the press took their ploy and parlayed it into a national scandal. Even the usually calm Howard K. Smith and Harry Reasoner have hopped aboard the roller coaster.

Now for the theory:-- Last summer the case for McGovern was known to be non-existent. So why not try something very daring, and yet not affecting the national security if caught. Money? No problem there are millions to be had from Hyannis Port, if it could be used to make Nixon look bad and assure a place for a present senator in future affairs.

Next step, find a couple of young men willing to compromise themselves for a couple of hundred thousand dollars. (Why were they so stupid as to get caught? and why did they plead guilty so quickly when brought to trial?)

The affair did not catch on with the public, but it did with the eastern journalists. So why not play it for all it's worth, even to the destruction of the Republican party and the destruction of all of Mr. Nixon's peace accomplishments which probably make such people red with envy. I purposefully said red.

Why not check this theory out with Dr. James A. Brussel, America's psychiatric Sherlock Holmes: unless he is the one who master-minded this affair. That I would find hard to believe.

Sincerely yours,

+ may not guide our President

Maurice A. Cope

Costelli, Miss Julia
8
Watergate.

May 22, 1973

Miss Julia Costelli
Chester
Connecticut

Dear Miss Costelli:

Thank you very much for your letter and your expressions of loyalty and support.

I am confident that now that Professor Cox has been appointed special prosecutor, the true facts of the miserable Watergate affair will be brought forward; the guilty individuals punished and the innocent vindicated.

I do appreciate your taking the time to let us have your points of view on this matter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:RZ:jj



Chester, Conn.
April 29, 1973

MAY 2, 1973

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

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There is my opinion and that of
several prominent Republicans with
whom I have spoken during the
last few days.

The Watergate Affair was a veritable
time-consuming and one blown up out
of proportion by the news media and
Congress, which hasn't done anything
for the last several months. I spent
this past weekend, April 26-29.

Now it's taking on a different flavor
and in my opinion and that of
friends the high ranking Democrats
are definitely disturbed & are worried.

the President and they are working
toward the 1976 Presidential Election
with Kennedy as the candidate. He
and his friends have been very quiet
all through this. He even wanted
to say very muchly once not long ago that
he didn't think the President (Nixon)
chose it. One prominent Republican said
she heard in one news cast only at the
very beginning of the affair that the
Democrats were involved but has
never heard it again. She is extremely
intelligent and keeps ahead of all
the news.

Now, in the last few days, Mr. Hunt
(I think it was) ordered Mr. Gray (703 chief)
to destroy the Kennedy files and he
did. - Rockefeller and John Kennedy's
involvement in murder of President John
of South Vietnam. Why, why, why we
do ourselves.

And to top it all this year! Shivers
is now suggesting that the President

turn this affair over to a jury made
up of retired Chief Justices. We
even had the nerve to tell the President
who they should be Chief Justice
Earl Warren, Tom Clark, Arthur Goldberg
and others of his liking. They were
to appoint the President.

Mr. Buick, this is very absurd to me.
They are talking about impeachment
etc. etc. We urge you to do something.
I thought you could get this message
to the President because I heard
he is busy and giving the matter
great thought.

As to the Democrats who are corrupt-
ing the political system not the
Republicans! They should be exposed.

Yours truly,
Julius A. Carter

Cotton, Helen
8/1/73

May 25, 1973

Miss Helen Cotton
Hartford Avenue
Granby, Connecticut

Dear Helen:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 23 in response to my statement on Watergate. Yes, the RNC is clean. For this we can be grateful.

I agree with you wholeheartedly. We must profit by this miserable affair and get on with the work that must be done.

I know the President will be grateful for your loyalty and support - as am I.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:jj

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MAY 25 REC'D

May 23, 1973

Dear George,

Thank you for your statement
on WATERGATE. It has helped me greatly
to understand.

The prime thing that keeps me
going is the fact that the REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE is clean.

I hope we can profit by this and can
get on with the business of the country.

THANK YOU, AS I DO NOT FEEL THE
PRESIDENT IS GUILTY.

SINCERELY,



MISS HELEN COTTON
HARTFORD AVE
GRANBY, CT.

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Coyle, Earl B
's Watergate
British viewpoint

July 30, 1973

Mr. Earl B. Coyle
5410 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Mr. Coyle:

How thoughtful of you to send along the copy of the editorial from The Martinsburg Journal.

Having a viewpoint such as the one expressed in that particular article helps add to one's overall perspective of this ugly affair. I must say, I'm certainly in accord with the view offered in the London Sunday Express that "...the worst aspects of the Watergate affair, perhaps the only serious aspect of it, is the extent to which it has distracted attention from genuinely important matters..."

I agree, I, for one, will continue to do everything possible to see that the very positive record of accomplishments on behalf of the American people achieved by this Administration are not obscured by this sordid saga.

You're right — the editorial might have escaped my office, so many thanks for having brought it to my attention.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/PR

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Earl B. Coyle
5410 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20015

July 24, 1973.

JUL 26 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

Attached is a clipping from The Martinsburg Journal, Martinsburg West Virginia. Also, I am attaching copy of letter I have written to this newspaper.

Since this small country newspaper published this editorial, it would indicate that the people in their community want all viewpoints in connection with the Watergate.

On the same page of this editorial there was an article by Bob Considine on the subject of the Watergate. Bob gave the Senate Committee "the works."

Sometimes editorials like the one attached might escape your office. For that reason I am sending it.

Sincerely,

Earl Coyle

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July 23, 1973.

Editors,
The Martinsburg Journal,
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

Dear Sirs:

In your issue of July 21, you have an editorial captioned: "The British Viewpoint."

In this editorial you tell the story of Anthony LeJeune, London special correspondent for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Mr. LeJeune's subject is the Watergate.

Your editorial and quoted story was read with much interest. We have so few stories of this kind appearing in our local newspapers.

Two of the many potent paragraphs from Mr. LeJeune's story are being quoted, as follows:

(1) "The comments from America about the Watergate affair which have been carried by British newspapers and television bulletins come almost exclusively from representatives of The Washington Post and others who share their glee at hounding the Nixon administration."

(2) "To which the man in any British or European street is inclined to reply: If Watergate really is the greatest political corruption in American history, then American politics must be the least corrupt the world has ever known."

In my opinion, the average man on the streets of Washington has difficulty in understanding what the shooting is all about in the Watergate affair. An aborted attempt was made at a wiretap; no damage was done to the Democrats. And certainly no one was murdered.

In contrast to the Watergate case we have multiple murders on the streets of Washington. And we have murderers and rapists roaming the streets who have either been given light sentences or have been freed on technicalities. To these, our local newspapers give but little space. And on these cases our newspapers seldom print an editorial where real indignation is shown.

Sincerely,

Written by:
Earl B. Coyle,
5410 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C. 20015

The British Viewpoint

One of the things which has been said about the Watergate affair is that it is greatly damaging the image of the United States in other parts of the world.

The other day we ran across a story by Anthony LeJeune, London special correspondent for The Richmond Times-Dispatch, giving the British reaction. Americans usually think of the British as mature and sophisticated, particularly in matters of government because, after all, it was from Britain that we inherited our system of laws.

We also think it is a good idea to obtain such foreign comment once in a while because perhaps these people are better able to judge the entire affair more objectively and in somewhat truer perspective.

Here is LeJeune's story:

"The general reaction in Britain, and indeed in Europe, to the Watergate affair might be summed up in two questions: What on earth is all the fuss about? and Whatever did the 'conspirators' hope to overhear that was worth the trouble?

"The subject of bugging doesn't have the same emotional impact in Europe that it appears to have in the United States. Occasional attempts, in recent years, to whip up a sense of alarm over the possibilities of electronic surveillance have met little public response. Few people, except paranoiacs, really feel that it constitutes much threat to their personal liberty.

"A certain amount of official telephone-tapping goes on, of course. That is to be expected; and it doesn't seem significantly different from such traditional techniques as opening somebody's mail or listening at keyholes. The idea of one political party's bugging the committee rooms of another provokes a smile rather than a shudder.

"If such an operation came unstuck, the aggrieved party would naturally try to make political capital out of it. And if members of a government were involved, the government would naturally try to cover up. Again, what else would anybody expect?

"We know of no spectacle so ridiculous, wrote the historian Macaulay in a famous passage, as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality.

"Britain's closest equivalent to

the Watergate affair was perhaps the Profumo scandal of 1963, which darkened the latter stages of Harold Macmillan's government. The then secretary of state for war, John Profumo, was found to have been sleeping with Christine Keeler, a prostitute who also had relations with the soviet naval attache. What was considered much worse was that Profumo, when the facts began to come out, lied, at first, both to his colleagues in the government and to the House of Commons.

"The London Times carried a pompous editorial headed It is a Moral Issue, and Profumo was driven from public life. But in retrospect, most people would now agree that Macaulay's observation applied, as truly as ever.

"The comments from America about the Watergate affair which have been carried by British newspapers and television bulletins come almost exclusively from representatives of The Washington Post and others who share their glee at hounding the Nixon administration. One of them talked about the devastating crimes now being revealed. There was praise for the Post's coverage of probably the greatest political corruption in American history.

"To which the man in any British or European street is inclined to reply: If Watergate really is the greatest political corruption in American history, then American politics must be the least corrupt the world has ever known.

"A cartoon in the London Sunday Express summed up this more sensible reaction. It showed the front of the White House, with the pillars — each topped with President Nixon's head — labelled Peace with China, Peace with Russia, Troops Home from Vietnam and so on, while a crowd of media persons, looking aghast at a few drops of water coming from a cracked pipe on one corner, cry: Help! The building is falling down! There's a leaking gutter...

"In short, the consensus of sober opinion is that the worst aspect of the Watergate affair, perhaps the only serious aspect of it, is the extent to which it has distracted attention from genuinely important matters, such as those raised in Dr. Kissinger's speech about the future of the Atlantic Alliance."

The Martinsburg Journal

SAT. JULY 21 1973

Paul Buxton Martin Editor
William M. Thompson Managing Editor
Ronald J. Keller General Manager

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Martinsburg, West Virginia

Editorials

*Craft, Mrs. George
8
Watergate*

August 23, 1973

Mrs. George W. Craft
242 Liholiho Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mrs. Craft:

Thank you for your letter of August 8. I very much appreciate your sharing your views with me.

I think the air has been cleared considerably by the President's Watergate statement last week and his press conference yesterday. The President pretty much did as you suggested in his statements about Watergate, particularly with reference to national security. I am confident that the American people support the President and agree with him that it is time for the courts to take over the Watergate case and allow the President and the Congress to get on with their own affairs.

I appreciate knowing of your strong support for the President. I can assure you that we share that feeling and we are doing everything in our power to help him.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

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242 Liholiho Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
August 8, 1973

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

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I am getting so tired of the press "hounding" President Nixon and jumping on everything they can think of to incriminate him. Now they are starting on Vice President Agnew. Isn't there something the Republicans can do to show the Democrat administrations did the same things without publicity.

Is there anyway your headquarters can get a check made on expenditures for national security for President Johnson at his private White Houses to compare with expenditures being publicized in connection with those in the Nixon administration? Should not overlook the security for the two Johnson girls as GAO is including the two Nixon girls.

I am looking forward to President Nixon's release next week and hope it clears up this "mess".

Sincerely,


Mrs. George W. Craft



Republican National Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

August 22, 1973

Honorable
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear :

Attached is a letter from John Lofton, our very able MONDAY editor, who is about to embark on a new career as a syndicated columnist.

John has been responsible for the "zip" and lively style that has gotten MONDAY rave notices from ideological friend and foe alike.

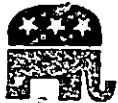
We are going to continue our monthly publication and will try to retain this same lively style. It won't be easy, but I think it can be done.

I hope you'll call John as he requests if you have ideas for his columns. We need some balance in the news columns--and though John will be totally independent and will "call 'em as he see 'em" his point of view can't help but constructively offset some of those columnists who delight in clobbering Republicans.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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Republican
National
Committee.

August 22, 1973

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Dear

Beginning September 10 I will be writing a nationally-syndicated, three-times-a-week newspaper column. I would appreciate it if you would put me on your mailing list so that I might get all your newsletters, press releases and texts of your speeches.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John D. Lofton, Jr.
7606 Woodruff Court
Laurel, Maryland 20810

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*Crocker, Tom D.
8
Watergate*

April 23, 1973

Dear Mr. Crocker:

Thank you for your recent letter in response to our plea for funds. I appreciate your candid remarks and can understand your concern.

Watergate is without a doubt a grubby, sordid affair that never should have happened. Clearly, the scandal that is hanging over things is not typical of all politics. Believe me, it simply isn't.

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. My experience at the United Nations, where I worked with representatives of 131 different governmental systems, reinforced my belief that ours is the best by far.

In closing, let me thank you for the support you've given the Party in the past and I hope you will see fit to support our Sustaining Membership Program in the future. Without your help we cannot succeed in bringing about a Republican majority in Congress in '74. We really do need you -- I'll do my level best to merit your confidence and support.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mr. Tom D. Crocker
4735 Fremont Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

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MR. TOM D. CROCKER
4735 FREMONT AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55409

April 7, 1973

Gentlemen:

Sorry I do not intend to give this year.

The Watergate fiasco, the biased F.B.I. political selection and other matters perturb me.

Price controls should never have been removed. Restoring them on Meat alone will accomplish very little.

Still a Republican but irritated by leadership in Washington like so many others.

Tom D. Crocker

2 // P. S. The handling of Minneapolis' Dwayne Andreas' contribution was another case of real bungling. He being a Democrat makes the situation that much more deplorable.

Mike

Dear Mr. Crocker:

It is quite understandable that you are concerned about the Watergate affair, the ~~selection~~ selection of a director of the F.B.I. and price controls. ~~am~~ ~~again~~ your concern is shared by many others.

Recently the President announced that the White House would cooperate fully with the Senate investigating committee studying the Watergate incident, and that if anyone is brought under indictment by the grand jury, he would be suspended. If that person is found guilty, he will be immediately dismissed. The President wants all the facts brought into the open, and all the guilty parties brought to justice. I am sure you will agree that such actions will set the stage for clearing the air on this matter.

President Nixon has been strongly opposed by Democratic members of the Congress on the selection of a director of the F.B.I. just as he was ~~when~~ when he made appointments to fill vacancies in the Supreme Court. Mr. Gray, realizing that the debate could have lasted indefinitely and that the F.B.I. cannot continue for any great length of time without leadership, asked that his name be withdrawn as a nominee. President Nixon is well aware that the F.B.I. must be an impartial law enforcer, completely divorced from politics. I am quite confident that the President will find a man equal to the task.

Administration economists are actively studying the economic situation in search of inequities and better programs that will ensure economic stability. Treasury Secretary Shultz and the President feel that, with proper cooperation, the current economic program will be just as effective as those in the past. If the President feels changes must be made and controls stiffened, he will do so.

We appreciate your concern about these matters and were glad to hear from you. If we can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

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*Cummings, James
8 Watergate
20 Rep Steiger, re
the Tapes*

October 26, 1973

James L. Cummings, Esq.
Remley, Sensenbrenner, Stein & Cummings, S.C.
219 East Wisconsin Avenue
P. O. Box 507
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I read with interest your letter to Congressman Steiger. I am very pleased that the President complied fully with Judge Sirica's Order, as amended. I know you are too.

To be very frank with you, I am one who has felt that this impeachment talk was not called for and not sensible. Even before the President released the tapes, former Attorney General Elliot Richardson commented that in his view the President was not and would not be in violation of the Court Order.

Your letter was a good one and I thank you. I hope now you will be able to fully support the President.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:JJ
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JAMES L. CUMMINGS

October 22, 1973

Representative William A. Steiger
House of Representatives
Room 1025, Longworth Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill:

As an American who believes in our system of law, I was appalled by the President's decision to not comply with the court order regarding the Watergate tapes. The complete integrity of our Federal system, and certainly the confidence of the people, require that the court order be complied with and that a President not be able to rule like a king by trying to pull the wool over people's eyes by his so-called reasonable solution. The reasonable solution argument is a bunch of hogwash because it was entered into between the Senate Watergate Committee and the President and not with the prosecuting attorney who had been the person that had gotten the court order which had been upheld with minor modifications by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Senate Watergate Committee had lost in their lawsuit and thus they were in no position to bargain as strongly as Prosecutor Cox was able to. The President had his chance to appeal the decision to the U. S. Supreme Court and chose not to. Thus he must comply with the order. I don't care about the firing of Cox, but I think it is absolutely imperative that he comply with the court order unless the court agrees to his proposed fair solution in lieu of its order.

On the positive side of the President's decision to not comply with the court order, I think that this is the best thing that could ever have happened for the Republican Party. The Republican Party has a chance to get rid of the Watergate-Nixon albatrosses around their neck and at the same time become heroes to the American people. How will they do this? I suggest that they do this by having the Republican National Committee and the Republican Congressmen present President Nixon with an ultimatum that if he does not comply with the court order that they will vote for his impeachment. This will show to the American people that the Republican Party believes in law and order and that the President is just a sole, irresponsible member of their Party. This position would be consistent with what they have said before about the Committee to Re-elect the President not being part of the Republican Party, and now they can also say that the President's Watergate tape action was not part of the Republican Party. In addition, it will be doing the best thing for the

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June 7, 1973

Cummings, Miss Lilla B.
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Put on computers as
MISS
re Watergate

Miss Lilla Burt Cummings
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
3115 - 34th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Lilla: (Pardon the informality, but please note that I
did not use Ms.)

Thank you for a wonderfully encouraging letter. I am
most grateful to you for your kind words. These have not been
easy days. I am going to keep on with that message that the
Republican National Committee is clean, that "Party is not
involved", and that we must emphasize the Party at the same
time calling for a total revelation of Watergate. I will talk
to Pat Wilson personally about the use of "Ms". I thought we
were only using this where one's marital status was not known,
but I promise you I'll check. Thank you for a good letter and
for your continuing support.

Warm regards,

George Bush

GB/hc



LILLA BURT CUMMINGS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
3115 34TH STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

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25 May 1973

The Honorable George H.W. Bush
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Re: Use of "MS" by the RNC

I know how busy you are, but I believe the enclosed copy of a letter to David K. Wilson merits the attention of the man at the top. The subject matter is solely the use of "MS" by the RNC.

Prima facie, this may not strike you as a matter of great consequence, but upon reflection I believe you will conclude that what is represented by such usage is not something with which we want to be identified, because it connotes a whole spectrum of values from which our party, and the American people, are alienated. Its use, therefore, should be quietly eliminated.

Your remarks at the Annual Budget Meeting of May 9th were excellent. "The Republican National Committee has never been involved in Watergate by allegation, by indirection, or in any other way. ... It is not the Republican Party that is involved." Can we not achieve a more widespread, repetitive dissemination of this - like a drumbeat? It is very valuable.

My compliments on the splendid job you are doing.

Respectfully,


Lilla Burt Cummings

LBC/id.

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3115 34TH STREET, NORTHWEST
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

25 May 1973

Mr. David K. Wilson, Chairman
Republican National Finance Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Wilson:

RE: Use of "MS" by the RNC

I am returning the latest bill sent to me from the RNC. On several previous occasions I have similarly returned the bills with a less strongly worded plea that they be corrected. As nothing has been done by the Republican National Finance Committee to accomodate either the addressee's wishes and personal preferences OR correct English usage, I am bringing the matter to your attention.

The use of the vulgar, offensive and fringe-feminist "MS" by the RNC shows an ignorance and absence of values that I find not only shocking, but incompatible with normal judgment, more at ease with those values and liberal-chic attitudes that I would associate with the Democratic Party. I am astonished to find this usage in my own party, the party of substantial and traditional values, the party of the work ethic, the party of middle America. Who decreed that it be used, and with what reasoning? To placate the hormonal excesses of a handful of very liberal women, political figures that identify with the Democratic Party? I would like an answer to this question, because I strongly suspect that the OVERWHELMING MAJORITY of the women of our party with whom you correspond are EQUALLY as offended at this usage as I.

As I have written in green ink on the solicitation card (enclosed), the use of "MS" is ridiculous, inflammatory, and incorrect. I wish my address plate changed at once to afford me a tolerable dignity and remove what I consider an affront to me as a woman of common sense, traditional values, and education. But more importantly, I exhort you to re-examine your decision to use "MS" for I consider it to be an example of rotten judgment, fringy, and lacking in taste, but more seriously, an exhibition of a value judgment in conflict with that aura of more traditional values reflected by our membership.

I would appreciate your response, not some staff member's,

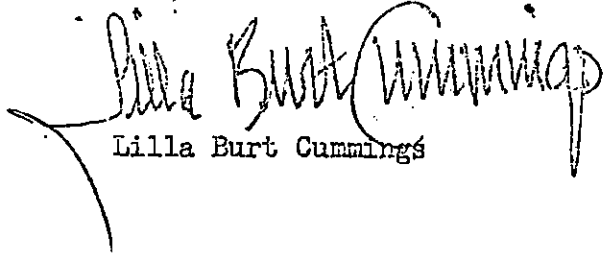
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at your earliest convenience.

As I have said in the past, I have not had, do not now have, and do not expect to have Multiple Sclerosis, and MS has only one correct application, to medically denote this terrible disease.

Thanking you very much for your attention, and awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely,



Lilla Burt Cummings

LBC/id.

cc: The Honorable George H.W. Bush
Dr. Manuel Giberger



Send copy

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to Wilson

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Done 6/8
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April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 1973. Washington, D.C.

August 24, 1973

Mr. Walter L. Cundiff
6911 Town & Country Lane, #27
Dallas, Texas 75225

Dear Mr. Cundiff:

This will acknowledge your letter with your thoughts relative to the Watergate issue. Enclosed is some material which I believe may be of interest to you.

I do hope you may have had an opportunity to view President Nixon on his nationwide press conference Wednesday. I believe the President's participation on that program will be receiving wide general acclaim from the rank and file of Americans. He was very specific in answering some most difficult and pointed questions by the members of the press.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

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WALTER L. CUNDIFF
6011 TOWN & COUNTRY LA.#27
DALLAS, TEXAS 75225

ABH

AUG. 16, 1973

AUG 20 1973

Mr. Geo. Bush
310 First Street S/E
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Sir:

I have listened and read so much of this BIAS Watergate trash that is so thoroughly disgusting, I have a few questions that follow.

Here are some questions that should be thoroughly investigated, Who are are the Watergate burglars and their associates? Is it not a fact that these people are tied to a number of previous Democratic Administrations? By that I mean it all appears as though they were caught in the Democratic Headquarters with all kinds of evidence on them to tie their operation to the Republican Committee for the Election of the President, (it sure appears that this was a planted deal to be used to BLACK MAIL the Republican Committee,) and the public, it was known that the Republican Committee was in possession of good sums of cash, therefore the BLACK MAIL attempt, I say it as more real than you may wish to admit.

Why should we be burdened with all that Sam Ervin Castigating, MILLION DOLLAR Clown Circus in addition to all the additional cost for the Legal Court cost and investigations, I say it is a continuation of a BLACK MAIL to try to discredit President NIXON'S election.

Also the Elsberg case comes in the very same situation, they were all a well planned scheme to BLACK MAIL the Republican Committee and the American Public.

Now my Political observations all began by voting the first time in the State of Texas for JIM FERGUSON, so you see I am not a new comer in the political field, but I had to change parties a few years ago, trust these few lines are of some value to you, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Cundiff
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Dear Mr Bush

Many thanks for your good letter of April
5th.

I was very pleased to read your opinion
of the WATER CLOSET affair as described in the
Washington press.

It is also extremely interesting to note that
Nixon has given his servants permission to appear
before the GRAND JURY, if called. I had not known
before that the President had the powers to stop
such appearances.

Untill Nixon comes clean on the
Water Closet affair kindly strike me from your list
of republicans.

Sincerely,

George V. Cutler

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April 5, 1973

Mr. George V. Cutler
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Dear Mr. Cutler:

Thank you very much for your letter in response to mine of March 20, 1973.

In all sincerity, I am as disgusted with the Watergate matter as you are. Believe me! I have said over and over again -- the Watergate affair is grubby business. I want to see the matter cleaned up and cleaned up promptly. The confusion has gotten so high at this point that many innocent people are being snared.

I am convinced that the President has nothing personally to hide. He has said that his people would answer all written questions from the Ervin Committee, he has ordered the White House staff to appear before the Grand Jury if called, and he is trying to work out some ground rules under which executive privilege can be waived for the White House people to appear before the Ervin Committee. This certainly shows cooperation, but, again, I agree the whole matter must be cleared up.

In closing, I hope you don't mind my making a personal appeal to you. Please don't quit the party because of a very few. We need concerned people such as yourself in the party. I have no mercy for the participants in the Watergate matter. Believe me, we really need you now more than ever.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Enc.

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MARCH 22, 1973

THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
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DEAR MR BUSH

Thank you very much for your letter dated March 20th. It was good of you to take time from your busy schedule to write to me.

It is noted that your point of view is that the REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE was in no way involved in the WATER CLOSET affair.

I continue to believe that the REPUBLICANS plus RICHARD MUDBANK NIXON were all up to the ears in this STINKING MESS.

If like you say the Republicans are all LILLY WHITE, how come OUR DICTATOR dont let his staff and Pat Grey tell the Senators the real truth.

Looking forward to your rebuttal.

An ex REPUBLICAN

George V. Cutler

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