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*Jones, Miss Vera
Watergate*

June 6, 1973

Miss Vera Jones
5552 North Berger
Fresno, California 93704

Dear Miss Jones:

Mr. AB Hermann, my aide, has brought to my attention the gist of your telephone conversation with him in which you expressed your comments relative to the Watergate issue and party involvement.

First, I would like to assure you that the Republican National Committee was not involved in any way and, with that thought in mind, I am enclosing material emanating from headquarters which I hope you will note carefully and continue to walk by the President's and the Party's side in these crucial days of our country's history.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

Enclosures

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~~Miss~~
Mrs

Rena Jones

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Jones, Prof. Vernon
&
Comments re
Pres. Watergate
etc.

August 23, 1973

Professor Vernon Jones
Clark University
Worcester, Massachusetts 01610

Dear Professor Jones:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter, which I have read with a great deal of interest. I regret the delay in responding but we have been inundated with mail and are just beginning to see the light of day.

Since your letter was written the President has addressed the nation on Watergate and held his press conference, both of which have gone a long way toward clearing the air. I believe he has put the whole matter into its proper perspective and it's now time to get the country moving on to other important things.

From the mail we have been receiving over the past couple of months, it is becoming apparent that a substantial number of Americans feel there has been a kind of "piling on" syndrome and that they are getting tired of all of this. They feel the matter has gotten out of hand, that the obvious goal of a segment of the media is to "get the President", and that the matter should be taken off television and left in the hands of the courts.

We agree with you on the "Due Process of Law" article and gave it the widest circulation possible. The same is true with the attached article dealing with San Clemente.

Thanks for writing. You wrote what I consider to be a great letter with many helpful suggestions, and I am taking the liberty of passing it on to the various divisions of the Committee.

In closing, let me say that the American people are basically fair and thus out of the ugliness of the frustrations of the moment will come a recognition by the American people that in our rough and tumble political system we have something pretty darned special. I saw this clearly at the UN. I also firmly believe that when this is over, the President will be vindicated completely.

Thanks, again, for a good letter.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

August 10, 1973

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AUG 13 REC'D

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

Being a retired University Professor I cannot afford at this time more than a token contribution to your Committee. However I am a very worried citizen just now, and I am making up in words for the smallness of my money contribution.

Since I have so much to say, thus taking up much of your time, perhaps I should identify myself. I am a native of Virginia, the recipient of two degrees from the University of Virginia, and the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. I was born a Democrat, but when I came to Massachusetts just prior to the great depression I soon became a Republican. My major in college and in graduate school was educational psychology, and my particular specialty has been character and citizenship development in schools and colleges, as well as in home and church. I was called upon to write the section on character for Collier's Encyclopedia some years ago, and just last February I completed a chapter entitled "Development of Ethical Character and Citizenship" for a forthcoming multi-authored book. It is strictly ante-Watergate. Indeed it is incredible what has happened in the last five months in connection with the confidence of American people in their government.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you a few thoughts as to what might possibly be done to help Mr. Nixon receive an unbiased hearing, on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Average American, when he speaks out in his own defense. I firmly believe that many who voted for him in the fall of 1972 will need to be prepared to listen to him without suspicion and bias in the late summer or early fall of 1973.

In light of my specialty mentioned above, I have naturally watched the T.V. coverage of the Select Committee's investigation of the Watergate affair and allied matters. I have followed these day in and day out, and also the brief coverages at T.V. news time and in newspapers. Also I have watched in a limited way editorial comments. The bias at the Senate hearings, the tilted inferences, and innuendos have been amazing, and psychologically they have taken their toll to confidence in government in general and in President Nixon in particular.

What can conservatives and friends of President Nixon do at this point? I realize that it is the height of conceit for me, a rank layman with regard to politics, to give any suggestions to top professionals in politics and government. But my worries and my fears tell me to forget modesty, and try.

My suggestions fall under two headings: What possibly can be done at this late hour to help Mr. Nixon get receptive hearings for his side of the matter; and secondly how do it? Since I feel even more shaky about the question of the how, let us try that one first. My first thought is one of timing, and immediacy is the watchword. As stated above I feel that, in attitude formation and changes, undesirable attitudes must not be left to harden, and preparation for the big thrust (Mr. Nixon's own defense) should be prepared for by the foot-soldiers so to speak. I think there should be as much grass-roots stimulation of conservatives in as many communities as possible. They should serve as "a remnant" to study, talk, meet in small groups, develop courage to speak out for confidence in government, in local and national leaders, reinforce their

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own confidence, and suck others in. If this seems very guarded language in the last sentence, it only indicates what seems to be almost a fear among conservative and prominent men in our community to speak out. Often they say they are puzzled by all that is going on particularly with regard to Watergate, but they seem to be waiting for the air to clear. What I am obviously looking for is some substantial and wise ways to prepare the way for the President's leadership to come through successfully. Secondly, I wonder if it would make sense for some organization like yours to give very wide circulation to all sound comments from your staff and from professional journalists and writers like Fleiger of U.S. News and W.R. The article entitled "Due Process—A British View" taken from The Times of London, and reproduced at least in part in U.S. News and W.R. on June 25, 1973, seemed to me to be an excellent illustration of what I mean. Third, perhaps some notable persons versed in constitutional law could be made available for Face the Nation, Issues and Answers, and the like. Surely there must be someone, willing to speak out, who can undercut the Select Committee of the Senate and its extravaganza before Mr. Nixon starts (or completes) his own defense. Maybe it is already too late in light of the news this morning suspecting that Mr. Nixon may be preparing now to make his defense in the matter of weeks.

With regard to content, or what should be clarified or done, I suggest the following:

(1) Put into proper perspective the attempts of the Nixon administration to prevent riots and disorders such as had crippled the Democratic Convention in Chicago in 1968, and had dissuaded the Republicans from meeting in San Diego in 1972; to prevent leaks of crucial information such as that to the Russians before the SALT talks, and the "theft" of the Pentagon Papers and possibly their sale to the New York Times; and how an anti-Castro patriot like Howard Hunt and other anti-Castro Cubans, together with a man like Liddy, might understandably have conceived of the possibility of anti-American leaks going all the way to the Democratic headquarters. And thus from an ethically wrong plan stupidly executed (be it ever so "understandable") a tangled web was woven; and bright and ambitious, but inexperienced, men like Dean and Magruder-- and even possibly Ehrlichman and Haldeman--were entangled in the Watergate or its attempted cover-up.

In an ethical and legal sense, how wrong was it all? Mr. McGovern and Mr. Shriver, with all potential aid from the mass media, did not make much political ammunition out of it in the whole period from June 17 until the election in November. Why was there so little furor then, and why did not the American people defeat Mr. Nixon at the polls? My theory is that the mind of Mr. and Mrs. America at that time the break-in and bugging at Watergate did not seem as wrong on the scale of wrongs (say from murder to lying) as they have been made to seem by the Senate Committee on T.V. It is if it took the fears and chagrin of the majority of Democratic legislators, plus the hungry mass media (for news), plus the ultra liberals and radicals-- all looking at the landslide victory of the conservative Republican President-- all this it took to bring out the lethal bomb to confidence, alias the "Select Committee" of the Senate" on T.V.

(2) Clarification should be sought as to why the investigations of the Justice Department and the F.B.I. leading to regular prosecution and defense in the courts were under-cut or interfered with by the Senate and its "Select Committee" which "investigated" under the white light of national television. No less an authority on the law than Mr. Cox objected to it, but the Senate ignored or turned down his request. If character assassination before national T.V. was the goal of this branch of the legislative arm of our government it should receive the mark of A for effort.

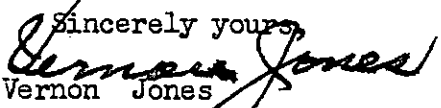
(3) The fundamental question of the application today of the separation of powers of the judicial, the legislative, and the executive branches of our national government needs immediate study from the best and wisest minds of our country in constitutional law and government, and it is badly needed before Mr. Nixon begins his explanations and defense. The question of the tapes may be the issue in the first battle. From the point of view of ethics and efficiency in a very complex job I can see nothing wrong with the President's keeping these to himself and inviolate. Indeed if he makes any of them available to anyone not a party to the conversation taped, he seems to be breaking

the ethical rule of implied confidentiality of private conversation or agreement.

And finally, and outside of any logical order, if any, up to this point, there is the allegation of excessive expenditures of government money spent on the President's homes. This is such a tough one, if true, that I can't help asking myself: What would I do, in case of this coming on top of all the rest; if I were in the President's shoes? Here I believe I would take a quite different approach from all that suggested above. On all the problems above growing out of the Watergate, the Pentagon Papers, and the like, I would wish very hard for all my countrymen who in good conscience could do so to come to my rescue to the extent of at least helping to develop a receptivity of mind and an objectivity of judgment on the part of as many of my fellow Americans as possible before I present my side of the case before ~~us in~~ this great country. But relative to the financial matters of the home or homes, I would ^{act} ~~act~~ direct. Here I would check carefully on the accuracy of the reports of expenditures and on precisely what they were for. If every expenditure was definitely and unquestionably ~~for~~ necessary for security purposes I would have a non-political accounting firm check all figures and publish as widely as possible the salient facts and figures. Then I would at least hope that somebody would make an investigation of the false insinuations and rumors. If, however, any of the government money was going directly or indirectly toward feathering my nest, I would immediately select the appropriate time and place ~~and~~ make an announcement. I would announce what perhaps I had planned to do several years hence, namely that at least one of these homes (probably that at San Clemente), was being donated to the Government, perhaps as a 200th birthday present to the nation. This, of course, would raise many questions and ^{it would} be said by some that it was an admission of guilt. But I would be willing to take my chances with the American people if what I did corrected or over-corrected for any error of ~~commission~~ commission or omission which I had made. Psychologically mid-America needs to-day some outright admissions of errors where they are, and it needs ^a meeting of hearts (not merely of minds) between and among our people and our leaders.

As a nation we need to come up from Watergate and the Senate investigation with its divisiveness, ~~peevishness~~, and suspicion; and down if need be from any tinge on the part of our leaders of superior, cosmological, or lofty "airs" of unconcern about Mr. and Mrs. America as they are and genuinely want to be. Today we should hurry to prepare them to listen; tomorrow hopefully they will speak and act with understanding and unitedness.

With apologies for the length of all this, I am

Sincerely yours,

 Vernon Jones
 Professor of Educ. Psychology (Ret.)

Jordan, Mrs. F. J.
Tapes

October 29, 1973

Mrs. F. J. Jordan
6138 Piping Rock Lane
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mrs. Jordan: 

Please don't despair. Since your letter was written I am sure you saw where the President released the tapes and fully complied with Judge Sirica's Order, as amended.

I appreciate your kind words about my service. I don't plan to run away. I do plan to stay involved in politics. It's a critical time now.

I urge that you not give up on President Nixon. Look at the whole record, not just this part, and please make your judgment based on the facts - not on the emotion of the moment.

I appreciate so much the spirit of your letter - your confidence in me and your willingness to air your views with me.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:jj



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6138 Piping Rock Ln.
Houston, Texas 77027
October 22, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush,

If your basic belief in the American system is the same as you stated in the previous letter as far as our criminal justice system is concerned, what is there but to do but resign? The President has not followed through as to what he promised the American people. We have lost three honest men already. How many more will hit the dust.

I believe you are a honest man. And I believe that you have tried to be fair---more than fair at times. But maybe on second thought you should stay---we do need some honest men up there. But there is the fact that you might get caught in the muck. Or left out on the limb.

I pray for our country and good honest men with high principles.

Congress needs to take control of this fragmented Government. I don't think that the country can take three more years of Nixon and survive.

Yours truly,

Mrs. F.J. Jordan

Jorman, Hubert
8
Watergate

August 27, 1973

Mr. Hubert Jorman
4720 Meyers Avenue
Sioux City, Iowa 51106

Dear Mr. Jorman:

Thank you for your letter of August 4 and for your tremendous support. Your backing means a great deal to us, and we'll do our level best to merit your confidence.

I think the President's recent statements on Watergate have gone a long way toward clearing the air, and I'm confident that we can now turn this whole mess over to the courts. I think in the remainder of his term, you'll see that strong and responsible leadership that the country needs. We're doing our best to elect a Republican majority to Congress in '74 that will help the President carry out his programs.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Dorothy:

Has he contributed? It sounds like it from the letter, but he's a bit vague.

Eleanor O.

*There is nothing on our
tapes for him, however,
if he sent a contribution
along with this letter it
would not have had time
to get on tape D.S.*

4720 Oregon Ave
Grand City, Iowa
51106

August 4, 1913

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank for giving
me this opportunity to help our
country.

The delegate Jennings and
other irresponsible actors of the Democratic
Party only strengthen my belief that
the Republican Party must provide our
country with responsible government
both in the legislative and executive
branches of government.

The only alternative is no
responsible government.

Respectfully
Attest German

Joseph, Mrs. Celta C.
8
Watergate.

September 27, 1973

Dear Mrs. Joseph:

Thank you very much for taking the time to give me your opinion of the Watergate Affair in such a humorous and poetic way. Enclosed is a copy of one of my statements which may be of interest to you. Thank you again for writing, and please feel free to write us anytime to express yourself on matters of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mrs. Celta C. Joseph
350 Ponca Place
Boulder, Colorado

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GB/dr

Mr ^{R2} George Bush.

this is to express my
opinion of the water
gate affair.

I am a widow 75 years
old. three years ago
I became legally blind
but I am still interested
in my country

Sincerely
Mrs Celta C Joseph
P.O. Box 666
Boulder Colorado

Sam and St. Peter

Whenever you turn on your TV set

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Watergate, Watergate is all you will get.

Somebody played a dirty trick and the Democrats wanted

To pin it on Dick.

Sam Ervin said it was a "hay-ne-us" crime,

(Now, Sam, that's a hard word to rhyme."

Perhaps you meant heinous, I don't know,

But anyway I don't like your show.

Now I don't want to discourage you

Don't want to make you feel sad or make you feel blue

I know you want to be a big TV star.

But, Sam, you'd better stay right where you are

You will never make it, that's what I say,

Your belly is too fat and your hair is too gray.

And you do not have that sexy look

That I read about in a forbidden book.

Perhaps you know your Bible quite well

But I bet you believe in a burning Hell

Where all the Republicans will surely go

To live with the Devil, forever, below.

And, Sam, do you think it was really quite fair

To call a man a liar, right on the air?

When the defendant answers please listen in

So you wont have to ask the same question agin.

Now, Sam, I know you were trying to be sly

And catch that fellow in a big fat lie.

And, Sam, if ever you get to the heaven blue
And St. Peter asks you, "what did you do?"
I can hear you say in a voice sedate
"I investigate, Peter, I love to investigate.
I worked long hours on the Watergate,
I worked on it early and I worked on it late.
Now, Peter, you know I would never be mean
But I worked on Ehrlichman, Haldeman and Dean
And I never found out just what they did
Tho I asked lots of questions, you bet I did,
And it seemed to me that they could never agree
But you watch them, Peter, you watch those three.
Now, Peter, let me tell you what I can do,
If anyone ever starts buggin you..."

St. Peter slowly shook his head
"There's no job for you up here", he said.
There's not a single person here that you could ever ever smear.
We don't need any investigation
We don't need any legislation
We never never listen in, or talk about our brother's sin.
We do the very best we can to try to help our fellow man."
"Oh, Peter", said Sam, "how could that be?"
"Well there are still good Republicans including me..."
"But where are my friends", said Sam with a sigh
And his face looked like he was going to cry.

Why, Sam," said Peter, "didn't you know."

"They have gone on a mission way down below.

They heard that the Devil kept Hell too hot

and that ~~the~~ ^{THE DEMOCRATS} ~~patrons~~ were complaining a lot.

But between you and me, I think this mission

Was to sell the Devil some air condition.

Now I don't want to speculate

On where any man will live at a future date

But I think they thought it would do no harm

To see that Hell was not too warm.

"Now, Sam, go back to Watergate

Dick must have relatives you can investigate.

I hear your show starts re-runs in the fall

But for right now, Sam,

Good-bye, good-luck, good-bye, you all."

by Celta C. Joseph

Katz, Gary
8
Watergate

May 21, 1973

Mrs. Gary L. Katz
611 Elm Street
El Cerrito, California 94530

Dear Mrs. Katz:

Many thanks for sending along your notes of April 27th and May 4th.

For a long time now, I have been speaking out, loudly and clearly, against the entire sordid Watergate affair and have called for it to be cleaned up. I have also voiced my strong support for all efforts directed towards finding the truth, punishing those who are guilty and exonerating those who are innocent. I believe the criminal justice system will work in this country. Long after the names of the culprits in the Watergate are forgotten what will be remembered is that the justice system works.

This incident has caused me deep personal concern, and these have been difficult times. But, at the same time, I cannot allow the actions of a few misguided individuals who violated a high trust and who served neither this President nor our country well, to obscure the many positive accomplishments of the Administration or the Party. I in no way condone these acts, and the American people are justifiably appalled at what happened, but I believe they are wise enough to make a distinction between a handful of lawbreakers who deserve to be punished and a fine American political party which was not involved in the wrongdoing.

Out of this deplorable and disgusting incident comes, I think, an opportunity for us to strengthen our great American system and its political process which have served us so well for many years. What we must do now is work very hard to make it better.

Thank you so much for taking the time to share your views with me.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/mj

4th of May

Mr. Bush,

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MAY 7 1975

Your appearance on the
Today Show this morning
prompts this letter.

Your ~~attempt to defend the~~
~~Pres in this Pentagon~~
Papers trial + Watergate
was unsuccessful.

If Ellsberg did do something
wrong, what was done to
him by the Govt was far
worse. The action taken
against him by the Govt.

are much more damaging to
this country than those papers
ever could be.

What did they contain that
needed to be kept secret,
Mr Bush?

Maybe you have complete
belief in the Pres., but
millions of Americans do not
share your faith.

As to John Connally being
a leader of the Democratic
Party -- Baloney!!

Do you think he's a big time

important but Democrat, you are
out of touch with reality.

He never really was under
you consider Southern
Democrats to leaders of the
Party. These men are
much more at home with
the Press than Democratic
leadership.

Mrs. Gary L. Katz

Mrs. Gary L. Katz
611 Elm Street
El Cerrito, Calif. 94530

27th of April

MAY 7 1975

Dear Mr. Bush,

Your recent remark not to blame
the Party for Watergate prompts this
note.

It is ~~hard~~ not to blame the party
as the Press is a very important
part of the party.

And to date none of the men
mentioned has speculated about
the Democrats.

Sincerely,

Gene Katz

(Mrs. Gary Katz)

Mr. George
310 7th
Washington D.C.
Bach



MRS. GARY L. KATZ
611 ELM STREET, EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA 94530



Katz, Mrs.
Chmpe Watergate

April 23, 1973

Dear Mrs. Katz:

Thank you for taking the time to comment on my recent statement on Watergate. I appreciate so much having your views.

However, I'm afraid, Mrs. Katz, I must disagree with you. I am convinced that the President has nothing personally to hide. Last Friday, I attended the Cabinet meeting where the President stated he wants all the facts brought out in the open and that he would cooperate fully to see that the full truth is known. Please be open-minded on this and await the outcome of the investigation.

Mrs. Katz, 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. 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. 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 continue to give me the benefit of your views on all matters of interest and concern to you and Mr. Katz.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

 Mrs. G. L. Katz
611 Elm Street
El Cerrito, California 94530

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Mr. Bush.

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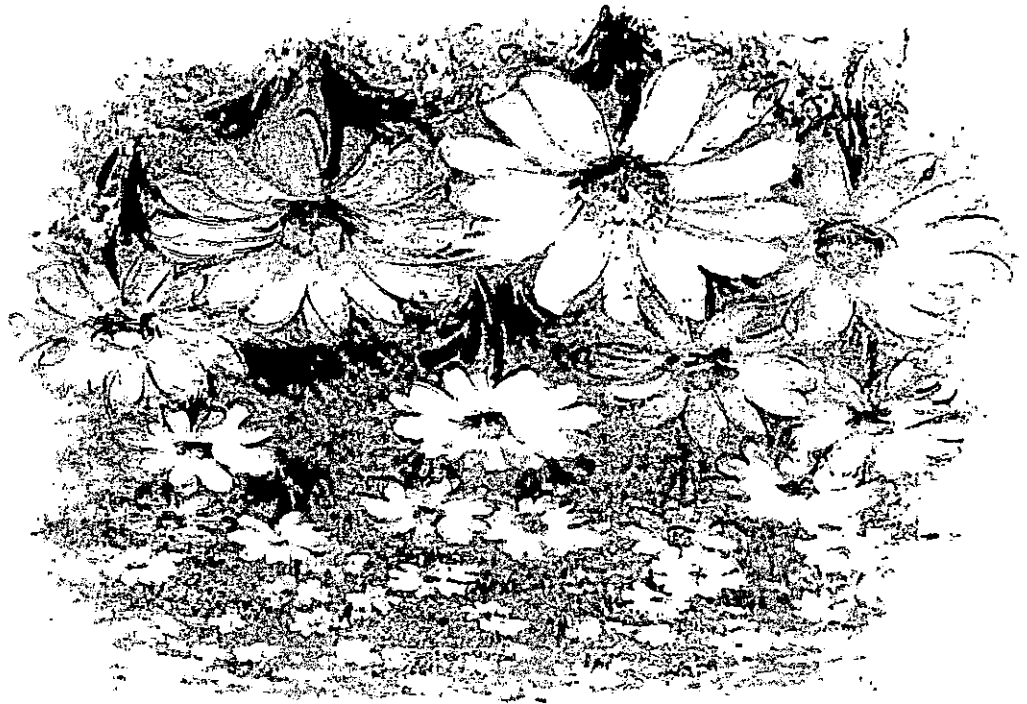
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Your statements today about
Watergate prompted my
writing.

I am a most responsible person.
I am a registered Republican
as is my husband.

We don't believe the Pres
knew about Watergate.

We agree it was dumb to
have done. But not
surprising with the mental-
ity of the men surrounding



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the Press. We think we are
at ceptions in our feelings on
this matter. Many other
Republicans feel as we do.
Yours

G L KATZ
611 ELM ST
EL CERRITO CA 94530

Sincerely,
G. L. Katz
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Katz, Larry
RNC vs CRP

July 27, 1973

Mr. Larry Katz
160 Stratford Drive
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19115

Dear Larry:

What an excellent and thoughtful letter you wrote. From the sounds of what you're doing, the Party would be blessed to have one of you in every precinct in the country!

I certainly agree that one of our main problems has been explaining the differences between the RNC and the CRP? From the mail we receive here, I think that problem is decreasing somewhat, however, because it's pretty obvious from the string of witnesses before the Senate Committee that they were not RNC employees.

It's usually easiest for people to understand political organization on the local or state level, rather than the national level, so I think your discussion of party vs. campaign organizations should begin that way. The purpose of any party group, be it the local committee, the State Central Committee, or the National Committee, is to build the party — to do research, to do polling, to communicate the Republican message to the voters, to locate and register supporters, etc. Obviously, no party organization can fund and run a great number of campaigns at once, and it must be careful not to advocate one race over another. For this reason, most candidates in both parties establish their own campaign committee keyed exclusively to their own needs -- fund-raising, setting up organizations throughout their district, opposition and issue research for their district, etc.

The difference between these candidate groups and the party groups is a subtle one, but very important. The party works in ways that accrue to the benefit of all candidates, without getting too involved in any specific campaign. The campaign organs, on the

Mr. Larry Katz

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July 27, 1973

other hand, have much more limited goals, i.e. the election of that specific candidate for a specific office at a specific time.

This same distinction holds on the national level. The RNC is the party organization, with prime responsibilities in the areas of support for the state parties and strengthening the GOP on the national level. On the other hand, the CRP was a temporary ad hoc committee whose sole goal was the re-election of the President. Certainly we cooperated with them in a variety of ways -- as we did with other campaigns for Republican candidates for other offices. The RNC did not, however, make the strategy decisions for the Presidential campaign any more than we did for the other campaigns around the country. The RNC did things that helped all these campaigns, by building and strengthening the Republican Party as a whole.

I hope this explanation helps. I want to commend you for all you're doing, and I hope you'll be able to get this point across effectively. Needless to say, we Republicans are probably more distressed than anyone at this Watergate ugliness, but we just can't let it obscure the fine record of this Administration or damage our excellent candidates and programs in other elections.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Elo- you'll this see
being you eye
eye to eye

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

Larry Katz
160 Stratford Drive
Philadelphia, Penna.
19115

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Larry Katz, I am 18 years old, and am an Associate Republican Committeeman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (63rd ward; 21st division). I have only served as a committeeman for six months, but have been a member of the Sustaining Membership Program since 1968, and have recently contributed in response to an urgent letter to the Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee. Although my contributions have been small, I am only a student with only a small part-time income. And as Mr. Stans said during the presidential campaign, "Every donation, regardless how small, can help". Therefore I honestly believe that I am giving my fair share. I do consider myself loyal to the party and would do almost anything for it. Therefore I feel it is my responsibility to defend our party against any charges made against it.

The other evening I was discussing "Watergate" with parents of a friend and I realized they did not differentiate between The Republican National Committee and The Committee to Re-elect the President. Because of this, these people, who are registered Democrat but who vote Republican, said that they would not vote Republican in future elections. I spent the rest of the evening explaining to them the difference between the CRP and the RNC. Now, understanding the difference between the committees, and even more importantly understand that RNC had no remote connection with "Watergate" these two people are once again Republicans at heart.

As a contributor, a local party officer (although of the lowest rank), and a loyal Republican I would like to make a suggestion. I believe that before anything else the RNC use its finances to have a massive PR drive to explain to people the difference between CRP and RNC, and particularly the difference in relation to "Watergate." If we can make people understand this, much of our former supporters will once again rejoin our movement. I can not stress how important I feel this is!

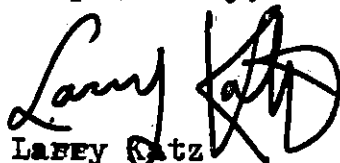
I would also like to ask for your assistance and advice. I became a committeeman because I never knew who our committeeman was, and knew that few other new him either. Even at election time he was never around. I knew that this did not help build GOP support and hoped to change this. It is my belief that the committeeman should stay in touch with the people in his division. Either in person or in writing the people should periodically be reminded he

is around. They should see his name, the party he represents, and phone number so that if they have a problem they know where to turn. I try to see the people before election time or registration, and hope to supply them with little things like phone numbers of the police, fire dept., etc. I visit new people when they move in and bring them a cake, introduce them to neighbors, help them fix up the house, etc. I feel that all these things make for good relations between the committeeman and the people in his division.

I would also like to send them a letter explaining to them the difference between the RNC and the CRp, and explain to them the difference in relation to "Watergate." I would appreciate it if you could send me background information I could use in formulating this letter (research information, quotes by RNC officials, etc.) and make suggestions as to the form or outline I should follow. I this can be done my every committeeman, in every division in the country, our party would not have any great worry about the fallout from "Watergate".

Your prompt response would be appreciated, as the sooner before the November election this letter goes out ----- the better off we will be. Keep up the good work, I wouldn't want your job now for all the money in the world.

Respectfully,


LARRY KATZ

P.S. Please excuse the structure of this letter, but as I felt its contents were urgent I wrote it at the typewriter and did not bother to smoooth it out.

Kawakami, Mrs. M.
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Remark of
Wilson, John
Sen. George

August 2, 1973

Mrs. Mary Kawakami
336 W. Center
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Mrs. Kawakami:

Mrs. Clark called the National Committee to convey to me your concern over the remark attributed to attorney John Wilson.

First, I hope you do not hold this comment against the Republican Party. There would be no basis for this. Second, and much more important, however, is that I want to tell you how offended I was personally by the slur. I was privileged to have been at the White House earlier this week, having dinner in honor of Prime Minister Tanaka, a dinner that emphasized the real feeling between our countries. In addition, when I was the Ambassador to the United Nations I had the personal privilege and honor of working with a very able Japanese delegation; and perhaps more relevant, I know many Japanese-Americans, and I have a great respect for them — for their love of country and devotion to high principle. Thus I can assure you I was deeply offended by the slur, intentional or not.

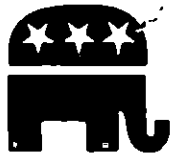
I just wanted you to know of my deep personal concern on this matter, and I hope you understand that it is not being related in any way whatsoever to the Republican Party.

Respectfully yours,

George Bush

GB/eo

bcc: Mrs. Stanley Clark



From the desk of
JANET JOHNSTON

Dorothy Clark

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Public statement on
John Wilson's remarks

Registration of Watergate

Mrs. Mary Kawakami
336 W. Center
Provo, Utah
84601

cc -
Stanley D. Nothly
1075 Elm Avenue
Provo, Utah 84601

Keller, Mrs Mildred
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To Ervin, Sen Sam in
Watergate Hearing

July 9, 1973

Mrs. Mildred J. Keller
7930 Hemlock Drive
El Paso, Texas 79925

Dear Mrs. Keller:

Thank you for your letter of July 1st with the enclosed
copy of your letter to Senator Sam Ervin, Chairman of the Senate
Investigating Committee.

I have read the contents of your letter with interest and
do appreciate your forwarding it to my attention.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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7930 Hemlock Drive
El Paso, Texas 79925

July 1, 1973

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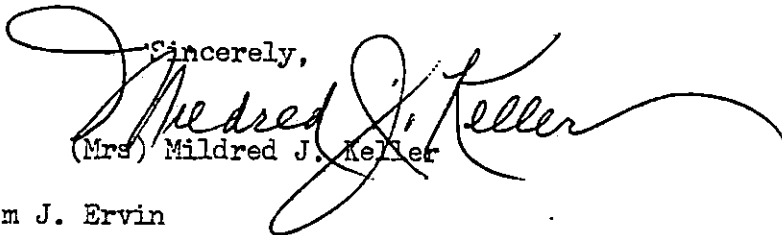
The Honorable George Bush
Chairman, Republican National Committee
The Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 - First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Enclosed is copy of letter that I have, today, written
to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Chairman, U. S. Senate Investigating
Committee on this "Watergate" thing.

I believe ;you will find my letter self-explanatory. I do
wonder if Senator Ervin and his democratic colleagues really
believe that the average American citizen is so naive that they
can't see through this fiasco.

Sincerely,


(Mrs) Mildred J. Keller

Encl:

1. cc ltr to Sen. Sam J. Ervin

7930 Remlock Drive
St. Paul, Texas 79325

July 1, 1973

Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Chairman, U. S. Senate Investigating Committee
Senate Office Building
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have listened with intense interest at every session of the investigating committee and, have tried at all times to see things as they are and to evaluate the testimony that has been given before this committee and, The American People on national television. Believe me, The American People are fully aware as taxpayers that they are paying for this outrageous partisan spectacle, which is ruining the good characters of many good people, and attempting with atrocious and unfounded allegations to implicate the President of the United States on the testimony of one of the most questionable and dishonest appearing young men that I have ever had the misfortune to see and listen to.

For the past five days, I have listened to the testimony and cross examination of this young man, John Dean III. To date, in my opinion, John Dean III has not made one truthful and responsible allegation that he can substantiate with a truthful, positive statement. It is absolutely impossible for me to believe that any responsible American could possibly believe one word that John Dean has uttered. I do honestly think that it is an outrage against The American People, the taxpayers of this country, that their hard-earned money is being spent in this partisan attempt, through the outrageous and flagrant allegations of this John Dean, to degrade, discredit and besmirch the character and integrity of The President of the United States.

I do not have a formal legally trained mind, but I do have a good working knowledge of the law and the many manners utilized by lawyers, particularly those in politics. However, I do have a trained mind in honesty, integrity, loyalty, patriotic love for my country, and what is generally termed as good common sense. By your own admission, a few days ago, on a repudiating you received from one of your own committee colleagues, that you were only an "An Old Country Lawyer" and that you were only proceeding in the manner of a country lawyer. So, you cannot condemn another human being for proceeding thusly and substantiating their beliefs and conclusions in that same vein.

Thursday, June 28th, after listening and watching the horribly improper and, I must say, the most immature and irresponsible presentation of Senator Helms. I am, as a taxpayer of this country, outraged and incensed that a supposedly, at least, average intelligent person occupying a position as a United States Senator would pretend to be a patriot and take advantage of The American People of this country in using this National Forum, the so-called "investigating committee", in his attempt to besmirch THE AMERICAN PEOPLE with his "Geller-Then-Then" attitude in presenting obscure charges of some sort of threats that are known only to him, for he certainly never presented any specific factual information — then, in a manner (that a youngster in the first grade would have had far more dignity, substance and poise) delivered

Rev. Sam J. Evans, Jr.

July 1, 1973

a "winding soliloquy," which in modern hippy parlance, I would define as "flow-child" philosophy and then concluded his disorganized treatise with a "winding partisan political speech."

Of course, Mr. Chairman, in order for you to meet your obligation on the extraordinarily lucrative tour (mountain) you had already departed from your most important duty -- CAUTION of this interesting matter, created by a unanimous vote of the U. S. Senate, for the specific purpose, in your own words, "TO INFORM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" but it was for more important to you to fly out to Ohio tomorrow to give a partisan political speech.

In keeping with your deep desire to keep the American People informed, for they have a right to know, it would be most informative to the American People if they knew the particulars of your trip to Ohio, what it was, what it was for, did you pay for the passage from your own personal funds without reimbursement from the government by submission of a transportation request, or did you engage a government airplane for this trip. These things the American People should know -- they have a right to know, for they, the American People, are paying the bill. There is one thing for sure, the United States Government doesn't intend to be paid by even one penny by this trip or yours to Ohio this past Thursday, June 28, 1973.

After speaking with a number of people in my area and when I consider to be good, stable, honest, loyal, patriotic American citizens, there is no doubt in my mind, that the majority of American people know just what this outrageous blow-up, over-inflated, "watergate" actually is -- nothing more than a last desperate stab for a comeback for the defeated, defeated Democratic Party. (Incidentally, Mr. Chairman, I am a registered Democrat, have been a Democrat all my life, who is quite a number of years, and have always supported the Democratic Party, with the past two general elections. I was through with the Democratic Party -- I was truthfully ashamed of the leaders of the Democratic Party and finally, I could not support the horrible radicalism that the leaders advocated. It is my honest opinion that if the truth can ever be lifted from all these lies, unwarranted allegations, innuendoes, etc., that prominent members of the Leftist, liberalized side of the Democratic Party suggested this "watergate", knowing full well that such an attempt as this, it could be worked, was their only hope of ever getting back in the White House.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if you are interested in righting all the wrongs and excesses of this country's political system (which undoubtedly the Democrats have indulged in for the longest and to the greatest excesses), and your public record of your devotion to the idea that the American People have a right to know, (I please you tonight, honored politicians, together with the intellectuals and biased news media as I usually use), then why didn't you and your Democratic colleagues pursue the same desire to inform the American People of the gross violations of government employees in high places in whichings and dealings in government contracts which resulted in the participants receiving millions of dollars over as was the case of the JOHN WHEELER scandal during the former administration? Documented details of this and the many, many other wrong doings committed in the office of Special Prosecutor, you will find in the book, "The Washington Report," by Robert H. Winter-berger.

Copies to: (See p. 4)

William J. Miller

James Earl Ray

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I am convinced that the unfounded allegations and, what I believe to be, untrue testimony of John Dean III, is a national disgrace and is an indignity and shameful attempt on the part of the liberalized Federal Democratic Party to bring discredit and humiliation on the President of the United States.

I want to say here that if I were a member of the United States Senate, I would initiate proceedings to have you removed immediately as Chairman of that so-called "Investigating Committee," because I am convinced after listening to your comments and observing your actions on television, that you, along with the other Democratic Senators, namely, Kennedy and Schlesinger, and Republican Senators, together with the majority members, are bent upon the effort only -- to uphold and protect the testimony of John Dean III, even to the extent that on several occasions the past few days, the deputy majority member was seen leaving his place at the committee table, saying "I am going down and conferring with Mr. Telester and Mr. McCormack," John Dean's personal lawyers.

Mr. Chairman, you, your colleagues and the entire United States Senate have thought this "Watergate" so important that all this so-called "second" be added to the American people and, for that matter to the entire world, that let me, as a very respectable and sincere member of this great group, the American people of the United States, request that all members of the United States Senate make full and complete reports of all their recent campaigns, finances, etc., for this is information that the American people should, and in your own words, have a right to know. Just a couple of days ago, after public airing, Senator Kennedy, one of your committee members, admitted some rather flagrant and illegal discrepancies in his last campaign funds.

Mr. Chairman, I could write pages of what I term gross dereliction of duty on the part of your members of the United States Senate, but, you, as well as all the other members are aware of those and it would do no good for me to waste my time, paper and energy to pursue this further.

Further, why did you members of that august body, the United States Senate, investigate the DISAPPEARANCE SCANDAL? Why should not the American people know all the details of such a scandal of this magnitude when its principal participant was a member of one of the most powerful divisions of our, the American people's government? If Senator Kennedy's involvement in this horrible scandal was so innocent, then why did Senator Kennedy have his court records investigated? Don't you, Mr. Chairman, as a member and respected member of the United States Senate, think that the American people have a right to know all the facts of such a scandal of such proportions?

Some strange incident that the Democratic controlled Congress refused to investigate its own wrongdoing, or to investigate the Democratic President in your doing.

There are many incredible episodes and betrayal of public trust recounted in this book. However, there was very little mention of such in the media and, the United States Senate did absolutely nothing about investigating one of these terrible wrongs.

July 1, 1973

Wm. Earl Ray, Jr.

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Page 4.
Hon. Sam J. Smith, Jr.

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Kerr, Carroll B
Watergate
Keep faith in Pres.

July 10, 1973

Mr. Carroll B. Kerr
10379 Lakeshore Avenue
West Olive, Michigan 49460

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter, and please forgive the delay in responding.

These are difficult days for all of us, and the events that are transpiring lead to all sorts of speculation. I think the important thing is to maintain faith in the President and the Party. I am confident that the truth will emerge; the guilty will be punished and the innocent vindicated.

Again, many thanks for writing. Your letter was interesting.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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10379 Lakeshore Ave.,
West Olive, ^{Chicago} Mi. 49460

June 10, 1973

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

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I wish to thank you for revealing again on television today, the 1960 vote fraud in the Kennedy - Nixon Campaign. It seems that the Special Senate Committee and the news media have a program going to nullify the votes of the people. 49 States overwhelmingly voted for Nixon. It seems that ONE State, Massachusetts (who voted for McGovern) will play an important part in trying to get Nixon to resign or be impeached along with Agnew. Finer men never lived. This is apparently the only way the Democrats can avenge their presidential defeat and be able to take over the Executive position.

John Dean has been bribed by the Senate of the United States. Immunity from prosecution is bribery. Richardson and Archibald Cox are beholden to the Kennedy family and the Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard. TEN MILLION DOLLARS was given by the Kennedy family to establish the Kennedy Institute of Politics. The Kennedy Institute opened its doors October 1966. At Harvard, the Kennedy Library Corporation was set up with Kennedy Money. It is time for LOYAL REPUBLICANS to present facts to the American people indicating that the Democrat Party is not a victimized political organization; that they too have had many many political scandals such as the 1960 Presidential Election vote fraud, that made it possible for Kennedy to defeat Nixon, Bay of Pigs, overthrow of Diem in Vietnam, the Berlin Wall and Chappaquiddick.

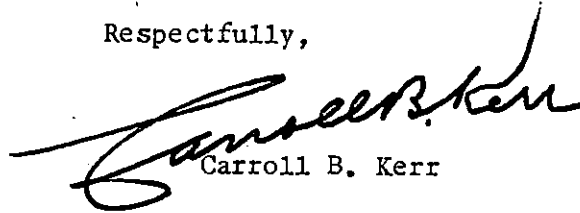
It is time to uncover the Kennedy cover up. John Kennedy was not impeached for bugging. Attorney General Robert Kennedy spied on thousands of Republicans and Democrats. Sam Ervin, at that time, did not even suggest that Attorney

General Robert Kennedy be brought before the Senate Committee to justify extensive electronic surveillance during their administration. Ted Kennedy should be questioned. The Kennedy's set a precedent.

A thought -- Maybe the Watergate robbers were bought off by the Democrats to do the job to embarrass the Republicans before the election. It seems that the procedures used at Watergate were crude and that the job was amateurish for experienced clandestine operators. Maybe the robbers were supposed to be caught.

More Republicans must speak out as you did today to keep reminding the American people that the Republicans are not all bad and Democrats lil~~ly~~ white.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carroll B. Kerr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carroll B. Kerr

*Kesler Troy K
Watergate*

April 24, 1973

Mr. Troy B. Kesler
2008 Britton Drive
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Kesler:

Thank you very much for your recent note concerning the Watergate incident. It was good to hear from you.

I recognize that some people may be trying to blow the issue out of proportion, but at the same time I think that the connotations of Watergate are very serious, and I think they degrade our political system. I would like to see the matter cleaned up and cleaned up promptly. I know that the President is doing and will continue to do all that he can to clear this up once and for all. Certainly the President's announcement of full cooperation with the investigating committee indicates his distress and concern over the charges that have been made, as well as his sincere desire to clear it up no matter what the cost.

I hope this letter does not sound naive to you. I believe politics to be a noble calling and these kinds of incidents hurt it. I recognize they go on on both sides - to a degree - but I'd like to lend a hand in making politics a cleaner business. I'm sure you agree.

Thanks again, Mr. Kesler for your good letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Washington, D.C. 20003

Republican National Committee
310 Grant St. S.E.



2008 Britton Dr
Long Beach Calif 90815
CORRESPONDENCE
Apr. 9, 1973

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I would like to hear some-
body start talking on Radio, TV,
and newspapers about the total cost
of the Watergate trials such as
actual cost in dollars (Court, Govt)
+ the enormous waste in time
of members in Congress, Committee
witnesses. The loss of time Congress
is tied up with it and neglects
its own duties. The public will
be astonished to know of all this
waste and will not approve of it.

Every one knows that both political
parties do the same thing and get all
the information they can. Even in private
between members of the same party
The whole thing is ridiculous and
a waste of the taxpayers money and the
Congressmen and Courts time.

I would like to hear from you.
I have supported the Republican Party
for more than 50 years and
Roy B. Keeler

I strongly support the President now.

Ketel, Carl G
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Watergate

May 31, 1973

Mrs. Carl G. Ketel
Post Office Box 3205
Frederick, Wisconsin 54837

Dear Mrs. Ketel:

Thank you for your good letter of May 11th. Please forgive the delay in my reply, but we are inundated with mail here and are answering it as quickly as possible.

For a long time now, Mrs. Ketel, I have been trying to prevent this ugly mess, which I in no way condone, from obscuring the very proud record of accomplishments of the President and of the Party. Through endless speeches, public appearances and newspaper articles. Too, from the very beginning I have been pointing out the danger of violating one of our most basic principles -- that one is innocent until proven guilty. It was printed, however, when a liberal Democrat came out with a statement. Believe me, many Republican spokesmen have been saying this for a long, long time, including most of our great Governors, our Senators, and Members of Congress. Sometimes, I feel it is like shouting during the midst of a hurricane. No one hears and no one cares much, but I am convinced we are making progress. Attached are some of the statements I have been making on this issue which I thought would be of interest to you.

The Watergate is a sordid affair, the product of a few irresponsible, misguided individuals who violated a high trust and who served neither our President nor our country well. I believe the criminal justice system will work in this country and that the truth will be revealed. The guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated.

I do think it is important that we all keep a good perspective, especially during this troubled time. The press have done a good job in many ways, but they have overlooked some of the basic principles, the same one mentioned above -- a man is innocent until proven guilty. To see that happen within our great American system is frightening.

Mrs. Carl G. Ketel

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May 31, 1973

I am going to be working hard here to continue to build and strengthen a good, clean, decent Republican Party which will, I hope, continue to merit your good confidence and support.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Attachments

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President Richard Nixon
Sen. Barry Goldwater

P.O. Box 3205
Frederic, Wi. 54837

May 11, 1973

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

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MAY 14 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

A short while ago I received a request for a contribution from your office. Any contribution is withheld because I, too, wish to see Watergate properly cleared. Aside from that fact, I have not once denounced or renounced President Nixon but have supported and am supporting the people's choice for the highest office of our land. There hasn't been and isn't even now a better equipped man to fill that post. ~~Save Richard Nixon. And I mean save him!~~ Take it as you will.

Now, what I want to know and for which I am about to castigate your office and, most, if not all, Republicans in our Congress is for being derelict in support of their President of whom they were so proud a very short time ago. Then why ~~aren't they supporting him now when he needs them?~~ Why aren't they holding up his hands during these days of anguish? He is a man virtually deserted by the very Party he lifted out of obscurity into the front lines of the most meaningful contributions to this country in this entire century! Should he not be accorded the same rights of any citizen--as was pointed out by Senator Proxmire, despite his personal views--freedom from persecution and conviction before any evidence to the contrary has surfaced? Do you mean to say that because some of his "eager beavers" who were politically naive and played the "game of politics" stupidly our President's great work is to be ignored, swept under the rug? That he has been pre-tried by the Press and pre-hanged by it politically? Even some of your own Congressmen have been guilty of similar behavior--to save their own necks instead of saving a President who has contributed more good for our nation and the world perhaps in a century! Are you and others of your Party going to let yourselves be carried away by those who shout "Impeachment!"?

The self-righteousness of the Press proclaiming the misuse of Presidential power, throwing about words like "immorality" and "corruption," should look at its own overkill, its immoral manipulation of the public's minds by planting seeds of distrust; its misuse of its power to destroy character by innuendo and implication, knowing that once it is said it cannot be erased from the public's minds. By the way, what do the Democrats have to hide that they are so concerned about the "bugging"?

How is it that when John Kennedy had promised aid and cover before the Bay of Pigs and then reneged that the Press did not point up the immorality of that episode when many were massacred? Who was massacred at the Watergate? The "bunglers," if you will. When was there a greater "cover-up" than at Cahappaquiddick? And a woman was killed there! The Press was kind. It said Ted Kennedy panicked. It did not insist on all of the evidence being made public, but then he has money, clout and friends. And besides that, he was welcomed back into the Senate with open arms by Speaker McCormick himself and others, if I recall correctly. As for use of power by Presidents and Executive privilege, what about L.B.J., Harry Truman, F.D.R., et al?

Why is not the Republican Party taking a strong and positive position and approach to this problem instead of the negative one? The Republican Party is not involved in Watergate. Then let us know what you are or what you stand for. Those in the Watergate helped to elect the President yet they are paying quite a price.

Cannot the Republican Party take a positive stand with the Press and insist that they exhibit the same consideration for the President and these men as they did for Ted Kennedy? Just the other night, I believe, it was mentioned that Ted Kennedy has said nothing about it because he knows what it is to carry the burden of tragedy. Then why do these people treat with scorn or ridicule the President's anguish--which was very sincere and deeply felt by him--in the same way? Why do they not point out that perhaps the Watergate men were likewise frightened and covered up out of fear and not to obstruct justice for they knew they would be nailed to the wall. Fear does many things to people. I am also reminded that, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." This is not to condone, but I think much suffering has been experienced already without twisting the knife. Why was John Kennedy proclaimed "brave" by his own Party and the Press when he admitted his guilt in the Bay of Pigs, but not so for President Nixon? Why, then, have not the Republicans stood on their two hind legs and blasted those who shout "corruption" while all the time they are corrupting public opinion with rumors that damage?

If Jack Anderson can print material that "leaked" from the Grand Jury, isn't this to be considered a "mistrial?" Why didn't he get the axe?

I am not defending the "bunglers" or burglars, but if Ellsberg is acquitted, based upon that "leak," what choice has the Grand Jury?

Now, Mr. Bush, I insist that this letter reach all Republican Congressmen and let them know "the time of day" for it is later than they think. The President delayed out of consideration for the facts and avoided pre-judgment. What is your excuse? All I see is wishy-washy excuse for not being part of it. I want to see some strong evidence of retaliation by the Republicans against the persecutors, and a strong evidence of support for the greatest President we've had in a century. Now get with it and do some positive work. Show your real strength if you want support. A negative approach weakens.

I've had my say. Now I want to see some genuine constructive and positive action taken by Republican Congressmen and the National Committee if it wants any kind of support. I suggest that since it has not been forthcoming, people are confused and consider the Republican Party a paper tiger--no guts!

President Nixon has my full support and esteem whatever the outcome and it does not waver when "the chips are down." How about you? Are you chickens? or men?

On the ball,

Myrtle W. Ketel

(Mrs. Carl G. Ketel)

*Kilian, Mrs.
Watergate*

May 16, 1973

Mrs. Harry Kilian
3822 Wickersham Lane
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mrs. Kilian:

Thank you very much for sharing your letter to President Nixon with me.

In the political business, like all others, there are a few who believe the laws of the land and of good taste do not apply to them - but they are very, very few and they are in no way typical of the many honorable men and women of both parties who have chosen politics as their means of service to their country and her people.

The entire case of the Watergate incident is now in the hands of our criminal justice system. As you know, under the American system, a person is innocent until proven guilty in our courts of law. Part of our criminal justice system is the safeguarding of those who may prove to be innocent which is why the President didn't cast a judgment on the entire Watergate case.

I personally don't believe the President was involved in the case. During that period the man was ending the Vietnam War, the man was coming to grips with some of the toughest economic problems this country has faced; and I just don't think anyone can expect that he'd know every detail of the case. He said that he got new information on the case on March 21. On April 30, he promised the American people that all guilty parties would be brought to justice no matter who is involved.

There is no question that there has been some cover-up, and that certain people have violated a high trust which was ill-serving to the President.

Out of this ugly mess will come a strengthening of our belief in the American system, particularly the justice system. As for the Party, I believe it will emerge strong and undamaged.

Thank you again for sending along your views. Your frankness and directness are appreciated and will always be welcome.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/DR/br

Dear Mrs. Kilian:

Thank you very much for sharing your letter [redacted] to President Nixon with me.

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Thank you again for sending along your views. Your frankness and directness are appreciated [redacted] and will always be welcome.

YVT,

Don R

3822-Wickersham Lane
Houston, Texas 77027
April 24, 1973

MAY 1 1973

The Honorable Mr. Richard Milhaus Nixon:

Dear Mr. Nixon:

It is difficult for me to express the disappointment of my husband and me over some of the events connected with your presidency. (Incidentally, we voyed for you as vice-president under Mr. Eisenhower and in your three times as candidate for the presidency.)

We are delighted with our new relationship with Russia and with China - both big pluses - and with our withdrawal from South Vietnam and its concurrent return of our P. O. W. s. Now that that terrible blunder of our having become involved with a civil war that was none of our business in the first place, has been settled honorably (?), for heaven's sake, ~~let's not repeat the story in Cambodia~~ - let's get out and leave Indochina to the Indochinese. We cannot be forever settling other nations' quarrels.

As for Watergate - it was a stupid, ill-advised event, not worthy of supposedly intelligent men. When the news first "leaked out" was the time for you to call for a full investigation and let the heads fall where they may - not eight months later! Are you the Honorable Richard Milhaus Nixon or aren't you the Honorable Richard Milhaus Nixon? We, like many of your constituents, wonder?

With grave misgivings, and seriously,

Kathleen Carr Kilian
(Mrs. Harry Kilian)

Kathleen Carr Kilian

KCK:kck

CC: Mr. George Bush ✓
Mr. William Archer
Mr. John Tower

Killam, P.O.
8
Watergate

June 13, 1973

Mr. P. O. Killam
342 East 53rd Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Killam:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of May 31. I appreciate your taking the time to share your concern with me.

I do agree with you that the Watergate affair has been blown out of proportion, but at the same time I feel it is a very serious matter. I feel deep resentment against those who corrupted our political system by their absurd and illegal activities. What does concern me most about the "over-kill" in publicity, is that many people who may be innocent are being tried in the papers, and insinuation and hearsay are causing them to be declared guilty long before they have a fair trial.

I can assure you, Mr. Killam, that I support the President fully and completely, and I believe that other Republican leaders feel the same way. I appreciate your expression of support for him -- it means a lot.

Thanks again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

elo/Pam

342 East 53rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

May 31, 1973

EW
Mr. George Bush
Chairman, Republican National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republic Center
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Sir:

Several times I have been invited to contribute to the Republican National Committee. It appears to me that money is the last thing Republicans need at this time. What they really need is more guts.

The election in 1972 was a massive mandate to President Nixon; it was also a stinging rebuke to the Democratic Party. The spectacle of Democratic politicians openly and publicly conspiring with the enemies to challenge the President's leadership was something the American people could not stomach. Also, the Democratic candidate was perpetuating an open fraud: he was trying to make the American people believe that he was a dove all along, and it is a matter of record that he voted to send the troops to South Vietnam in the first place. Even his own State wouldn't buy that!

The Democrats are so desperately dramatizing the Watergate affair. It should be borne in mind that nothing of any intrinsic value has been lost, stolen or damaged to the least degree. So far, it is corruption that the Democrats are yelling about. Uncle Sam Ervin is thoroughly enjoying himself and is using the Big Lie technique so common in all propaganda. If you say a thing loud enough and often enough and long enough people will really believe it. Actually, President Nixon already had the election well in hand, so he did not need anything that the Democrats might have at the Watergate.

There are interesting side effects that should be considered. This provides a very handy smoke screen for liquidating the Pentagon Papers affair. It was suffering the credibility gap that could not be bridged. Whoever dreamed up this ploy should be given a job shredding papers, especially Pentagon Papers. The intended effect of the Watergate hearing is to erode and to discount the President's mandate.

We have an able President who is a fighter. The trouble is other Republican leaders are not backing him up, with the notable exception of the Vice-President.

The CIA has finally gotten out of hand in meddling in politics, both at home and abroad. Secret police is contrary to the American tradition. Our government is strong enough to do without a communist frill. The CIA should be liquidated, but good. Before we can expect private citizens to contribute to the party, the party should be straightened out and the Watergate affair put in proper perspective.

Very truly yours,

P. O. Killam

P.O. Killam

Killgo, Margaret
8
Watergate

August 21, 1973

Mrs. Margaret B. Killgo
Route 2, Box 333
Greenville, Tennessee 37743

Dear Mrs. Killgo:

Thank you for your letter of August 7. I really appreciate your taking the time to write, and I'm very grateful for your kind words.

I am hopeful that the President's most recent statement about Watergate will go a long way toward clearing the air. I think most people feel the way you do -- tired of the hearings, and a bit frustrated that the President isn't being allowed to do what he was elected for -- to run the country.

Your support means a lot during these difficult days. I'm sure that once all the facts are in, both the Republican Party and President Nixon will be completely vindicated of wrongdoing.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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EW

Greeneville, Tennessee
August 7, 1973

The Honorable George Bush
Chairman of the Republican Party
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

My only qualifications in writing to you are as follows:
I worked in your campaign office (on Lemmon Avenue,
Dallas) and also in the Republican office (Ross Avenue,
Dallas) at the time Senator Goldwater was running for
President. I still firmly believe our country would
have been better off if both of you had been elected.
Incidentally, before retirement I worked as a legal
secretary for thirty years.

After viewing for a very short while the so-called
investigation of the Senate select committee, I would like
as an American to state to you:

1. The above hearing is the most unAmerican and most
unfair proceeding I have ever known of.
2. Now, after all that is taking place and remembering
the awful events during the last presidential election,
namely the violent demonstrations, heckling or shouting
down speakers, burning or bombing campaign headquarters,
burning damage or trashing of Republican headquarters
and other building, harassment of candidates' wives and
families by obscenities, disruption of the National
Convention by splattering dinner guests with eggs and
tomatoes, indecent exposure, rock throwing, assaults on
delegates, slashing bus tires, smashing windows, setting trash
fires under the gas tank of a bus, knocking policemen from
their motorcycles - all of which was testified to by the
Hon. Bob Haldeman - I have come to the conclusion that the
best thing that could have happened to our country would
have been for McGovern to be elected and let the minority
of our country learn what could happen when that element
took over and run things. We of the vast majority could
just have put up with it in order to accomplish the final
good. To put it in a very crude manner: it would be
like taking a dose of castor oil for an ailment and getting it
over with. It has to come, sooner or later and I believe soon.
If McGovern had been elected the country by this time would
have been in chaos. By saying the people who voted right
should "put up with it", I suggest to you that many who
voted right now think they should have voted the other way.

Respectfully,

Margaret Brannon Killgo
(Mrs.) Margaret Brannon Killgo

Mrs. Margaret B. Killgo
Route 2, Box 333
Greeneville, Tennessee, 37743

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Kimball W 11
Watergate

April 26, 1973

Mr. W. M. Kimball
1320 Chanteloupe Drive
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739

Dear Mr. Kimball:

It is quite understandable that you are concerned about the Watergate affair and a balanced budget, and I appreciate having your views.

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'm sure you'll agree that such actions will set the stage for clearing the air on this matter.

President Nixon has been hard at work to produce a fiscally responsible budget and hold down Federal expenditures, but the President has met strong Democratic opposition in the Congress. His efforts to curb Federal spending and avoid tax increases have repeatedly been criticized by those who, if given the opportunity, would spend and tax in a most reckless manner.

Enclosed you will find statistics that will show the decrease in number of Federal employees from 3,052,231 in August 1969 to 2,777,586 in January 1973. These figures represent a 9% decrease in Federal employment in the first four years of the Nixon Administration, a significant step in the direction.

We appreciate your concern about these matters and want you to know your views are always welcome here at the RNC. So, don't hesitate to write on any matter of interest to you. In the meantime, I would be pleased if you would reconsider and support our Sustaining Membership Program. All our efforts are geared toward building and strengthening the party and electing a Republican Majority to Congress in '74. We cannot succeed without your help. I'll do my level best to merit your support.

Sincerely,


George Bush

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Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter of June 14th along
with the attached articles placed in the Record by
Ed Derwinski.

I will look these articles over with a great
deal of interest and I appreciate your thoughtfulness
in sending them to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CARLETON J. KING, M.C.

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June 5, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

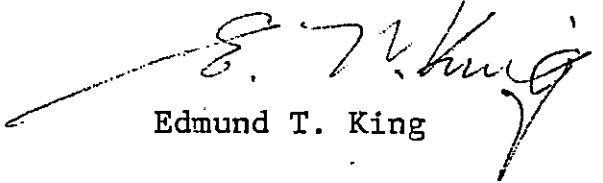
Thanks for your letter of May 8 in response to my note regarding future financial support to the Republican National Committee.

It so happened that I was present when you were the speaker at our Lakeside, at Bohemian Grove, last summer. The impression which you created was excellent. I am therefore not surprised with the righteous viewpoint expressed in your letter.

All of us and the Country as a whole will be fortunate if you and your associates are successful in restoring full confidence in the Republican Party.

I wish to thank you again for taking the time to respond to my note.

Yours very truly,


Edmund T. King

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*Kingsberry, John
8-14-73
Cuervo Gloria
To The Editor*

September 17, 1973

Mr. John R. Kingsbery
Littlefield Building
Sixth and Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind thoughts and for sending me a copy of Mrs. Cuervo's warmly inspiring letter to the editor. I remain convinced that a majority of Americans share her views and that this continues to be the strength of our country.

It is, of course, hard to tell in retrospect if a different strategy would have prevailed in any given campaign situation. However, it seems to me that a positive type campaign is always more appealing to the voters.

Give my very best to your father and I, too, will look forward to the occasion when we next have the opportunity to sit down and visit.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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All Americans

To the Editor:

Two or three days ago I read the beautiful letter from V.L. Warwick (1808 Pasadena). And how right (he or she?) is. I was born in Havana, Cuba, from French and Spanish grandparents, and one English great-grandfather. With an American education, (high school and college in New Jersey), I married in Havana where we raised our family and lived until Castro took over and were lucky to be able to leave the island after two years in that Communist inferno. Since then we came to Texas and this is our home and our country, as dear to us as the land where we were born.

I have been following the Watergate affair very closely because it was something very much like this, what had been happening in Cuba for years. All you heard were false rumors, lies, false and malicious accusations against the presidents, the judges, the men who were in the highest places in the government — talk, talk, talk — many newspapers, radio and television stations were repeating and commenting on the same things, until the minds of the people were so confused, so imprisoned, that you did not know what to believe. It was as if we had lost faith in everything, and the people came to be in a state of mind that they did not care much any more. And it was too late when at last we understood what had been happening. How the socialist forces had been using all of us, even the freedom of the press that can do so much. How they had played and used the political ambitions of some, who deep in their hearts were good Cubans, not traitors, but did not realize what was happening.

And that is why I am writing you today.

American brothers, do not let this thing go on any longer. Let us all remember how lucky we are to live in this beautiful, free country. Let us all get together, and back our government and our President. A strong nation free and united, hand in hand as brothers and sisters, Republicans, Democrats, white, black, brown, yellow; but above all, and under our beautiful flag, Americans.

Ready to give our lives to keep it so.

This is my prayer.

GLORIA CUERVO

*Austin
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August 29, 1973

SEP 5 REC'D

Honorable George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st St., S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear George:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to the editor which appeared yesterday and which I think you will find interesting even if you have no use for it.

There have been various comments in the publications hereabouts trying to analyze the loss by Maurice Angly in his race for State Senator this month. Although Watergate has been prominently mentioned as a cause of the loss my personal analysis is considerably different.

In watching the progress of the two campaigns, there were serious and as I see it fatal errors made in the Angly effort.

Prior to the first vote there were five candidates. During this part of the campaign Maurice assumed that his run-off opponent would be Don Cavness the conservative Democrat. Maurice directed his major effort toward discrediting Cavness as a member of the Gus Mutchler team. When Cavness ran third this made it difficult for the Cavness supporters to be very enthusiastic about Maurice. The attack on Cavness was unnecessary and uncalled for.

After the first vote Julian Zimmerman and I met with Maurice and Surrenden to review the situation. We were all agreed that the extremely light voter turnout was the major cause as only about 20% of the potential vote was cast. Inasmuch as Maurice had carried four of the five counties in the Senatorial district when he ran for State Treasurer and by wide margins, we reasoned that if we could only get a similar large turnout these people would vote for Maurice again.

In a subsequent meeting which included Marian Findlay, John Knaggs and Dick Nichols there were various things discussed from finance to tactics. John Knaggs and I were strictly advocating a positive campaign and that the major effort be directed toward getting out the vote. As the campaign later developed, John Knaggs was not retained for public

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relations as you know.

The Cavness error was repeated and compounded in the second part of the campaign. There was a total effort to attack the opponent Doggett in every way. Some of the campaign, particularly on television, was so bad and in such poor taste that it was obvious to anyone following it that Maurice was damaging his own chances more with each new effort.

In summary, the race was lost in the decision making rather than the execution for there was a complete saturation in all media.

In a more pleasant vein I have been following your activities with considerable interest and as usual you are doing an outstanding job in trying times. If you find a moment sometime it would be pleasant to hear from you.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



John R. Kingsbery

JRK:dcm

Enclosure

*Kirby, R.
8
Watergate
by Randle, Bill*

August 13, 1973

Mr. R. Kirby
P. O. Box 6043
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kirby:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Mr. Randle's
column about attending the Watergate hearings.

I have read it with interest, and I appreciate
your sharing it with me.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

Cleveland OH 10
8-4-73

Dear Mr. Bush, This article was written by
Bill Randall. A Cleveland Radio & Television
person. Mr. Randall is a Republican

Laurel

R. Kirby

PO Box 6043

Cleveland
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are you may find it on the door but you won't find the conscious component parts in your market basket, in your freezer or in your oven. Beef cattle, it appears, are

Survey on Page 1.

Lakewood

Watergate: The play of the century

The long row of blue-white Colortran TV lights stretch from one side of the high ornate ceiling to the other.

They are little black flapped boxes, starkly inappropriate in the cluster of four huge turn-of-the-century glass chandeliers kicking out millions of diamond reflections from thousands of cut and polished surfaces.

The TV cameras are perched to the center and one side; their operators half seated-standing, ready to focus and zoom, pivot and swivel. Able to capture in electronic patterns the significant and fleeting events of current history called Watergate.

THE CHARACTERS in the contemporary drama are many and varied. Classic studies in Victimology and Villainology.

Neatly dressed, well educated, softly speaking, cosmetically attractive young men. Actors in a sometimes tragic, often comic play they make their separate entrances, speak their lines, inter-relate with their accusers and defenders, and exit. Sometimes to return again as the piece unfolds to play yet another part.

Mourning has indeed become electronic and this new type of modern morality play named Watergate has begun to show us what The Shadow

always knew. How Shakespearean (even Greek-tragic) is the panorama of events that flash across the screen. A blur of mindless men serving worthless causes with lapdog devotion. The vassals of King Richard going forth to do battle with the Dragon Freedom. Righteous in their Anger. Steadfast in their Loyalty.

I decided to go to the Watergate Hearings last week, so I drove to Washington where it all started a little over a year ago.

Then to the Capitol and just across

WATERGATE I
BY BILL RANDLE

the street to the Old Senate Office Building. That's where the action is when the boys are in town.

IT WAS 6 A.M. and quiet when I joined the early birds on the steps, waiting for the bronze doors to open. I read the Washington Post (did you know it was the only newspaper John Philip Sousa ever named a march after?) and an old Gustav Regler novel about the Spanish Civil War ("The Great Crusade") until 8. Then a snappily dressed and finger-popping member of the local fuzz let us in for Phase One.

Phase One took us from the front door about a hundred yards into the domed main entrance. Marble floors. Giant

granite columns. A perfect vantage point for observing the crowds going by. These were the people who had reserved seats upstairs. Stalking. Swishing. Strolling. They all passed us by. And automatically we all began to resent them.

Phase Two. Up the stairs. Past the shakedown point. "Open your purse!" "What's in the bag?" "No cameras, please." "No, you can't take your lunch inside." "Keep moving!" "No pushing." "Stop right there." The voices of authority.

We got into the Hearing Room at about 9:45. I was lucky and got a place standing on an old bench just behind a CBS camera. So I got both the Big Picture on location and the TV show as well.

I must say honestly it's not quite the same thing. I mean, how many of you saw Sam Dash, the intellectual Rutgers prof, give his wife a big smack (not the Hollywood kind — a real mouth to mouth buss?) Well I did. Somehow it made him a lot more real.

AND IF YOU WATCHED one of the Senators closely (the one who looks like a country club drunk) you immediately became aware that he was a fan of the beautiful Leslie Stahl. I don't think he missed a mole on her. And the little designer number she was wearing fitted them all. I know they didn't get that picture on the home screens.

Sam Ervin's a lot of fun, though. He's a big, country lawyer, Good-Old-Boy type who's got a mind like a steel

trap and a wit right out of a county courthouse. He laid a line on newsman Daniel Schorr that broke him up just before 10. Then the Senator rapped the gavel and started the session. Too bad you didn't catch it. The Good Humor man became a tough Judge in about five seconds when the advance red TV lights on the cameras flicked on.

AND THERE THEY WERE. Live. In person. Baker. Montoya. Inouye. Weicher. Talmadge. Gurney. Dash. Thompson. Ervin. Aides-de-camp.

It certainly was a real learning experience for me. And while I don't care much for the subject, I think the play is probably one of the most important productions of our time. It has all the aspects of high comedy and deep tragedy that make for permanent theater. I suggest you go see it.

AND TAKE THE KIDS. Maybe it's even more important for them than it is for you. Watch the papers for the time. Then pack the family in the car and take the Ohio Turnpike East onto the Pennsylvania Pike to Breezewood. From there it's a fast 127 miles to Washington. Be sure and get there by about 6 A.M. though. It's just not the same unless you do it the hard way.

Two examples

To the Editor:

At this -
Gm

his mind

*Kitchen, Michael
Watergate*

February 2, 1973

Mr. Michael Kitchen
5717 South Columbia Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Dear Mr. Kitchen:

I appreciate and share your concern about the impact of the "Watergate Affair" on the image of the Republican Party. Since assuming the Chairmanship, I have said on many occasions that such dirty business has nothing to do with the proper conduct of politics in America.

I am quite convinced that the Republican National Committee was in no way involved with the incident. It is most unfair and unfortunate that we have suffered by it. You can be sure, however, that a first priority of my Chairmanship at the RNC will be keeping such tactics far from the GOP.

Such incidents only serve to reinforce the mistaken belief of some that politics is mean and grubby. I intend to do whatever I can, as Chairman, to correct that impression where it exists.

We have a great system in America -- the greatest. I intend to fight for it and I am sure you feel the same.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Office of the Chairman
Republican National
Committee

Michael Webster
5117 S. Columbia Rd
Tulsa, Okla. 74105

Dear Mr. Bush:

The so-called "Watergate
Affair" is giving the Republican
Party in general and the White
House in particular a bad name.
This is despite the fact
that it is clear that the
accused were acting on their own.

The Democrats are bound
to make political gains by
exploiting the case with so-called
"investigations." The Republican
Party can successfully combat
these allegations by demanding
publicly that the Senate
investigate the handling of
 Nixon's resignation, the stealing
of Nixon documents in Philadelphia
(as reported by Ronald Reagan),
and the fact of Nixon's relationship
with a certain company.

as characterized by former
Republican National Committee
Chairman Robert Bolt, among
others.
Of the Democratic regime, you
can expose the "investigation"
as it really ~~is~~ is — a political
inquiry and "witch-hunt" against
them you can run for a grand
jury investigation on the more
promising case - being we most
to say anything that you
might be need for. Also, you
can demonstrate the Justice
Department will not conduct
the Government Committee for its
illegal campaign against them.
In my opinion, these things
will show that the Republican
Party is not going to be
misled and dishonest by "hotter-
than thou" Democrats
and congressional on your

election as Chairman!

Sincerely,

Michael Ripke

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August 23, 1973

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Editor, First Monday
Republican National Committee
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Bible Quotations

Dear Mr. Lofton:

The "Bible Quote" photograph of the Senate Watergate Committee with relevant caption on page 5 of the August "First Monday" will strike a responsive note with all Republicans. Speaking as a staunch, long-time supporter of the Republican Party, I enjoy every issue of your publication. Each time I read one of your informative articles or note cartoons depicting the hypocrisy of the Watergate Committee, I feel regret that exposure is limited only to the Republicans who read the paper.

In our judgment it's time for Republican Rebuttal, using media that are read by Republicans and Democrats alike. There is an immediate opportunity to discredit the Bible quoting practice of Senator Ervin and to take advantage of a growing suspicion that the motives of the Senator and the Democratic members of his committee have a strong political taint.

Enclosed is a letter which we have written to Senator Ervin, addressed to his home address --- carbon copies being sent to the home addresses of the Senate Committee. We also enclose suggestions prepared to stir the somnolent Republican Party into action. It has been silent far too long with regard to the Senate Committee inquisition.

D We think that more aggressive action should promptly be taken to combat derogatory TV, radio and press bullying.

Very truly yours,

Boyd Knell
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cc: Mr. George Bush

cc: Mr. David K. Wilson

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August 22, 1973

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Morganton,
North Carolina

Bible Quotations

Dear Senator Ervin:

When I was a small boy my grandfather warned me to beware of scripture quoting politicians. In conducting your "Get the President" witch hunt lubricated with irrelevant passages from the Bible there is one highly relevant quotation that you have overlooked.

When you reconvene the Watergate Hearings it is suggested that you dispense with the invocation and open the ceremony by quoting to the panel members from John 8:7 - "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone ..."

Very truly yours,

Boyd Knell
Boyd Knell

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cc: To all members of
Senate Committee

Its Time For Republican Rebuttal

The Watergate Committee members during their vacation have had time to realize that they have a bear by the tail and don't know how to let go. While they are off balance it is time to take advantage of the growing public suspicion of the political motives of Senator Ervin and the Democratic members of his committee.

It is interesting to note that Watergate jokes have been short lived --- have you heard any new ones lately? The time is right to ridicule the wasted time and the inquisitorial methods employed whereby the Legislative branch of our Government, by edict, has encroached upon the prerogatives of the Judicial branch.

The Senate Committee has accomplished pitifully little. In contrast to accepted court procedure their tiresome performance has failed to unearth convincing evidence. Faced with futility they cry out in desperation "give us the tapes so we can do the job."

After weeks of political exposure they now face the unhappy reality that over-exposure has taught the public to question the integrity of politicians generally. In using the tar brush, much tar has slopped off on the political images of the panel members themselves.

Is the Republican Party so benumbed that they have become impotent to sense the opportunity to influence public opinion? It is time to publicize the hypocrisy of the investigation with news releases such as:

How much has the Senate Investigating Committee cost the American Taxpayers?

How much vital legislation has been neglected because of Senate preoccupation with matters that should come under the jurisdiction of the courts?

To what extent have committee members used the Hearings --- paid for by taxpayers --- to further their own careers with free TV, free radio, and free press coverage? How much would this exposure (free to the Senators, but costly to taxpayers) be worth if paid for through normal campaign channels?

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Watergate
Ltr to Chicago Daily
News

May 22, 1973

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Dear Mr. Knoblock:

I appreciated your sending me a copy of your letter to the
Editor of the Chicago Daily News.

We agree most certainly that the Watergate affair has received
a great deal of attention from the press. But, more important,
we firmly agree that the American people indeed are very
capable of making keen and sound judgments based on the facts.

We will continue our efforts here to keep things in perspective.

Thank you again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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May 8, 1973

Mr. Daryle Feldmeir, Editor
Chicago Daily News
401 N. Wabash Ave.
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Dear Mr. Feldmeir:

Like many other ordinary citizens, I am "fed up to the ears" with the loud noises, scare headlines and editorializing on the Watergate affair, especially when so much of it is based upon rumors, personal opinions and conjectures -- and not upon proven facts.

Recently, a local TV newscaster speaking at a club function, and undoubtedly with the knowledge and consent of his employer said (to paraphrase him) that it was the function of the media to "blast the people involved - and give 'em hell." To interpret or analyze his remarks, he (and his network) feel that they should not only report the news, but do it in such a way that the reader, listener or viewer will accept their interpretation of the news -- and think as they do.

That would make the media detective, police officer, prosecuting attorney, jury and judge. Is this a constitutional (or God-given) mandate?

When anyone criticizes the media for its overt and very obvious "slanting of the news," especially the TV media -- their howls of anguish and dismay thunder across the land. They say it is an infringement on their constitutional right to "Freedom of Speech"! Is it their constitutional right to twist the news, omit the parts they don't like -- then interpret it for us. That kind of news reporting is just grinding out propaganda.

When I watch and listen to the arrogant "smart Alec" national TV newscasters - and then their super-pious long faced analysts, I get sick to my stomach. What right do they have to tell us what to think? All they should do is report all the news and let us figure it out by ourselves.

How many people will accept the media's collective opinion and version, that the Watergate business is a crime equivalent to murder, arson, treason, etc.? Many of us thought that the wholesale vote thefts in the 1960 national elections by which the "Sainted" John F. Kennedy stole the election, and the fancy "off-the-bridge" driving adventure of the loud-mouthed Ted Kennedy were really serious crimes. The media didn't think so! I guess it considered these just harmless pranks of two nice boys with charisma (and Democratic affiliations).

Mr. Daryle Feldmeir

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May 8, 1973

Most of us are convinced that political espionage has been extensively used by both parties, and for a long time. I think the Democrats just didn't get caught in their own dirty little conniving. In other words, they are better and more experienced burglars and wire tappers than the Republicans.

Wasn't it Jesus Christ who said: "Let he among you who is without sin cast the first stone"?

Yours very truly,

Kenneth D. Knoblock

*Koenig, Janey
Watergate
Media distortion*

August 22, 1973

Mrs. Janey Koenig
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Dear Mrs. Koenig:

Many thanks for your call. Please know that I share your concern over certain distortions in the media, but I can assure you we at the Republican National Committee are doing everything possible to see that the very positive record of this Administration is not obscured by the ugliness of Watergate.

Along this line, I thought the enclosed items might be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Enclosures

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Kromer, Miss Edith
Watergate

July 6, 1973

Dear Miss Kromer:

Please accept my profound apologies for not having responded to your good letter of April 3. However, it was inadvertently filed and just came to light. I'm sorry for this error and hope you understand.

Since your letter, many things have come to pass. The President in his May 22nd statement stated that Executive privilege would not be invoked as to any testimony concerning possible criminal conduct or discussion of possible criminal conduct, in the matters under investigation. He stated further that he wanted the public to learn the truth about Watergate, and those guilty of any illegal actions brought to justice. He has promised full cooperation and has vowed that the matter will be cleared up no matter who is involved, and I believe him.

There is no one more offended by this sordid affair than I. It offends every conviction that I have about public service. In this business, like all others, there are a few who believe the laws of the land and of good taste do not apply to them, but they are very, very few and in no way typical of the many honorable men and women of both parties who have chosen politics as their means of service to their country.

In closing, let me say that I am confident that the truth will be revealed and that justice will take its course. Watergate is demonstrating that we have a system that can purge itself in the highest levels of government. Our criminal justice system is working and the guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated.

Thanks for expressing your deep concern and I appreciated your frank letter immensely. Please feel free to write on any matter of interest and concern to you. We'll do a better job of getting a prompt reply to you, I promise.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

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George Bush, Chairman
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Washington, D. C.

Mr. Bush:

We assume you understand the nature of the Watergate crime revealed thus far--political espionage against the people of the United States, not just a caper where one party played games with another. What has caused the "stream of leaked innuendo and hearsay" is the fact that efforts by the grand jury, the senate investigating committee, and Judge Sirica have been met at every turn with obstructions, and those at the highest [sic] level of government. When this happens we have to assume that truth is being hidden, people are lying, etc. I as a citizen happen to "assume" much more than that, but as you say we must allow justice to take its course. The problem is that justice is not being allowed to take its course. Note that Judge Sirica has had to take the severest, and we might add courageous, action when both prosecution and defense were stumbling blocks in a court of law! Anyone with nothing to hide comes forward when called for information that may aid justice, and once before the investigative body or court acts within the legal requirements of our country and his rights as prescribed by the law. We've seen a tidal wave of refusals to even appear.

Of course we can not accept that a few poor hoodwinked Cuban exiles got so "involved" in American politics in which they had no experience and all by themselves. Of course they are the scapegoats when they have been "set up" to destroy that in which they sought refuge--a free society. What can citizens think or suspect when former (we hope) CIA agents, who are trained to spy without scruple and to obey not give orders, are involved as members of a Committee to re-elect a man to the highest office in the land? We think we need the whole truth revealed so that corruption can be weeded out of our national government.

What you suggest about caution against smearing the innocent is exactly correct. Yet how can traditional fairness and due process proceed smoothly in a case of this kind where we actually, in this republic, have political espionage. The very nature of espionage is difficult to deal with. It has been made doubly difficult when administration officials particularly and some Republican congressmen are doing everything they can to throw a smokescreen in the way of those who are trying to find out the truth, by refusing to talk and by tactics of smearing investigations as "spectaculars" and "side-shows." Thus those who create such smoke-screens are, in fact, accomplices in covering up the truth and obstructing justice. We must look to every scrap of information in these circumstances which the grand jury, Judge Sirica, and the senate investigating committee have to dig out with such great difficulty to root out those who have sought to subvert our democratic processes. Only the irresponsible and those actually involved in the Watergate crime itself scream loudest for fair play from the very institutions which they either sought to subvert or now seek to obstruct. Of course, it is the nature of our democratic institutions to protect until one is proven guilty of crimes against a person or in this case the people. Since the Watergate crime is corruption and subversion at the highest level where national officials and their hired help have the heaviest obligation for honesty and character, any wrongdoing on their part must be revealed and we support and are grateful to have men like Senator Ervin and Judge Sirica. Not in a thousand years can you convince anyone with common sense that Richard Nixon is "trying to cooperate." Notice that Senator Ervin and Judge Sirica speak for justice for the people of the United States--from Richard Nixon, nothing except the inviolate nature of a department! Who thus causes innuendo, tidal waves, and hearsay?

As I judge the sense of your remarks on this Watergate crime and the current investigations, you are probably an honest person, thus these comments are not meant to impugn what you have said, but to point out that the Watergate crime itself, as revealed thus far, has provoked controversy, mistrust of our highest officials, and made evasion appear to be cover-up. It would be to the best interests of the administration and certainly for the reestablishment of law and order within the federal government for all with any information to come forward with it. As our public servants they have either taken an oath or have the duty to uphold the law of the land.

Yours truly,

Edith Hoerner

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Kunkel, Mrs. Annie
Watergate

July 6, 1973

Dear Mrs. Kunkel:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your most thoughtful letter requesting information on Watergate. Enclosed for your information are some statements which I trust will answer your questions. If not, be sure to let me know.

Your support for the President and our Party during these difficult times is deeply appreciated and I can't tell you how much your prayers mean to us. With God's help we will weather the storm. Thank you again for your words of concern and your faith in our President and our Party.

It was good to hear from you. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

Mrs. Annie Kunkel
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Dear Sir
Mr Bush

I want to write you since to you
about the water gate what is this
all about? I do not understand it
and I do not know the other
so we can pray about it and call
it by things are gained to gather so
we can pray for me, my son and
help him in any way we can and you
ask is with him 100 percent which?
an 100 percent for our President and
all of Republican people
The President that is much with the
going and speaking later in every
way for they couldn't get by with it
I do all what I can for my son to
get that good slide vote why he
is an Christian man please on
Prayer and all a Christian pray
on our Prayers if we understand what
all about I want you to know let me know
what the water gate is about so we
are in our church will pray for that number
take and work it out for me my son and
all of that people the Republican
must stay on they are good people

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We had to long Democrat years
 that why they think we one has
 some but there they got the

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 mean hate in their heart no give
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 got all President picture and it get war
 who cleared war and who stoped war
 Democrat makes war and the poor

Republican stops war
 the Democrat are fault of stopping Black
 in our ^{own} street where all as white
 people voted against and then they
 said we voted for and that an big
 lie they in Washington turned it
 around so all as people didn know
 nothing about that change so know

we all are getting sick of lying and
 calling people ugly names as they
 did President of our and still are they
 Better stop their hate cause that is
 angry of all this mouth and lie
 because I know good in paper

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indignant people to send them
money for their campaigning as
they could go on down 100 dollar but one
and another thing Democrat are the
Blame for not having prayers in
schools nor music tried as hard
But the Devil people wouldn't let him
they trying to make an tyer out
of our President But they can't they
are the losing one God knows better
and we as people do to pray God
and the Democrat always bring sit up
about our music got first terms
later why did the lose Be Cause the
Democrat stole the Republican
later By that dirty old machine
they used in one place how they
But the Republican tickets on
Democrat machine and God knows
about that too God did the good work
and chose our music for our
President and I hope he will stay
longer our President give him some
good years Cause he has such hard
time trying to get every crooked
crocker out and make all straight

Honest and Get that White house Clean
 up it needs an lots Cleaning
 ungodly People and Hate no Govt
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 said no prayers in School
 she was at Washington D.C. and
 was Temple and Austin so
 I heard she dont Bleve on Ebed
 no Bible she is an anta Crist
 Babbler misleader like Bible
 says Lots of anta Crises
 But take no part of them
 they ant not God People
 you all and us all need to Pray for another
 to help another in Govt that God give us and it says Pray
 for your enemies ask God keep them from us and dirty
 Get me Know about Watergate ^{work}
 and some other troubles so I
 can Pray to my Lord Jesus
 to help us all for his
 Guiding in all truth

Mrs Annie Kunkel

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Marlin Texas 76661

Stop those at Huston making those Big Explosions
 try to go to moon and Sun That enough Poison of one of them
 to set all People with Cancer Disease all the cinnical and
 Poison Gas no more going up Sky that Poluoin

George must be bad mean man
if he gets in the audience see
me right. Do what he wants
do he will stand keep him back
he said so on 'Telenovela' when
he was running for office
George McSporn
not Humphrey to
watch for their eyes and
anger you can see it on their
faces it is 9 and 9 and out
nothing good to have misleaders
and are some more to
They sweat in your face but are
really behind your back