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*Rueber, Roger
& Watergate*

June 4, 1973

Mr. Roger Rueber
1111 Lincoln Street
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Dear Mr. Rueber:

Many, many thanks for your May 22nd reply to my letter. The points you make in your letter may be difficult to clear up within the confines of a letter, but I will do my best.

Allow me to begin by saying that in no way do I condone the Watergate affair and also that I would like to see the entire matter cleaned up as soon as possible. It seems that the one single thing at the root of your concern is the fact that the entire truth has not yet been revealed. But this is a time to allow our system, which was violated, to right itself -- the law was broken and the judicial system is working to set that wrong right; in order to determine whether or not we need new legislation to safeguard the electoral process by which the President of the United States is chosen, the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities is conducting its investigation. I have firmly supported all efforts directed to get at the truth, and I believe the truth will be revealed. The criminal justice system will work in this country and the guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated. I strongly deplore the actions of anyone at this point which wage reckless charges at any individuals without any evidence and without the benefit of the truth. That this process of getting at the truth takes longer than we desire is offset by the fact that it will work in its wonderful entirety and long after the names of the culprits of the Watergate incident are forgotten what will be remembered is that the criminal justice system works in this country.

It is the interim period, before the entire truth is revealed, which is difficult, but it is the time we most need to maintain a good perspective and our good judgment. During this time profound effects -- which will be either constructive or destructive depending on how we react now -- are being made which will be felt for many years to come on our great American system. There are those, for example, who have overlooked some of the basic principles of our system during this troubled time, such as a man is innocent until proven guilty. That a handful of

Mr. Roger Rueber

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irresponsible men who apparently were totally lacking in judgment violated the law is no justification for a violation of a treasured principle.

Rather, during a time when it seems so much is at stake for our system, we should make very cautious and painstaking efforts to insure that we do nothing further to endanger it, to make sure that all our efforts are constructive.

I believe that the Republican National Committee will weather this storm, and that the Party will emerge strong and undamaged. Even now I am heartened by the many, many people who write in and who, although they are deeply troubled and want the entire matter cleared up as soon as possible, are willing to stand up and be counted. It is not always easy, but then it is never easy when you're trying to build something with a hurricane going on around you. But it can be done.

I am not pessimistic, but I do believe we all must keep working, stay involved to insure that as a result of this sordid mess created by a handful of irresponsible men will come a strengthening of our great American system, its political process, and of our faith in them both. I hope you will stay in there working with us.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

gb/mj

1111 Lincoln Street
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060
May 22, 1973

MAY 25 REC'D

Dear Mr. Bush:

I thank you for your most generous comments concerning my refusal to contribute to the Republican National Committee due to Watergate. One point I would like to clear up however, is that I agree with you that the RNC and the Committee for the Re-elect are two separate entities and one shouldn't confuse the two, but that wasn't the point of my refusal. I feel if the Republican Party is to become the majority party it has got to disassociate itself completely from Watergate.

I sincerely hope and pray that President Nixon is not in any way involved in this most disgusting episode, however his actions leave some doubts in my mind. I feel it is your duty as leader of our party to do whatever is humanely possible to get to the truth. You have far more influence upon the President and those principals which our party will pursue than I do. I have voiced my opposition to the President's handling of the Watergate. Several Republican senators and congressmen have done likewise, but not the leaders of our party. This is where our party is going to be hurt. The Republican party, whether rightly or wrongly, is already connected with the Watergate. In a recent poll 3 out every 10 people said they would be less likely to vote for a Republican than before Watergate. The American people look to President Nixon as the divine symbol of the Republican party. The American people also



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believe, as evidenced by recent polls, that they are not satisfied by the President's recent speech concerning the Watergate. The President has not even begun to cut through the country's suspicion that he was more deeply involved in Watergate than he has admitted. Even if the President is not in any way involved, and I hope he isn't, the unfolding on TV of the sordid details of moral corruption in the White House, will make it quite a problem for the President and the Republican party to recover from Watergate.

We must not let the record of the President's past four years be clouded over by Watergate. The public's confidence in Richard Nixon has been shattered and justly so. We must convince the public that what James McCord says, or what the Washington Post or Newsweek prints is false if it truly is. This can not be accomplished by hiding behind executive privilege or refusing to answer questions which do not involve the guilt or innocence of people involved. It only adds to the suspicion the public already has.

We can not and will not succeed in electing a Republican majority if we insist upon our loyalty to the President and our party to take precedent over our conscience between what is morally right and wrong, no matter who is involved.

Sincerely yours,

Roger Rueber

Roger Rueber



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*Rutledge, Harold D.
8'
Watergate*

April 18, 1973

Mr. Harold D. Rutledge
444 Oakland Blvd
Cambridge, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

Thank you for your recent letter. It was good to hear from you.

I recognize that some people may be trying to blow the Watergate incident out of proportion, but at the same time, I think that the connotations of Watergate are very serious, and I think they degrade our political system.

I consider myself a very loyal Republican, but I don't consider the bugging of Democrat headquarters to be the kind of thing we should condone or cover up. I know the President feels this way. I recognize that these kinds of incidents go on on both sides -- to a degree -- but I'd like to lend a hand in making politics a cleaner business. I'm sure you agree. With the decibel count rising, fair play dictates a balanced look at this matter.

I too believe that the President's record -- domestic and foreign -- has been outstanding. I am enclosing a copy of a recent press release in which I have tried to point out these positive and important record of the President.

Thanks again for your good letter.

Sincerely,

George Bush

CORRESPONDENCE
APR 16 1973

Cambridge, Ohio
April 13, 1973

Republican National Committee

Mr. Bush Chm.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush -

The bugging of the Democrat

National Headquarters in my

opinion is the most non-import-

ant issue one could possibly think

of. Extremely clumsy - yes -

important - no way.

Who cares who bugged who - a

serious minded person would

say - there are so very many

important issues to think about

that face our nation today and

President Nixon is doing a very

good job of it that to think of

who bugged who is very much

juvenile in my judgement.

Do not be tripped by the

Democrats into making this a

big issue. Isn't it strange that

some Congressmen and Senators

have already been trapped.

What righteous people do these

Democrats think they are anyway?

Come on - Stand up and talk.

Harold D. Rutledge

441 Oakland Boulevard - Cambridge, Ohio
43725

*Rzesutock, Joseph J.
8
Watergate*

September 12, 1973

Mr. Joseph J. Rzesutock
Seven Fountains
Virginia

Dear Mr. Rzesutock:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your frank views of the sordid Watergate Mess.

The Watergate case and related campaign activities are 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. This includes the President of the United States. Part of our criminal justice system is the safeguarding of those who may prove to be innocent, and I will support the President until I am given reason to do otherwise. I understand what you are saying, but I must respectfully disagree with your subjective conclusion.

Watergate is an issue that disgusts all Americans and one that particularly hurts those of us who have been in public office and who feel that politics is an honorable and not a grubby business. For incidents such as this hurt our system, not just party or person.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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SEVEN FOUNTAINS, VA 22653

AUGUST 23, 1973

MR. GEORGE BUSH, CHAIRMAN
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
310 1st ST. S.E.
WASHINGTON, DC.

AUG 27 REC'D

DEAR SIR:

PRES RICHARD M. NIXON HAS BEEN DISHONEST
AND
DECEITFUL ALL HIS ADULT LIFE. HIS CAMPAIGNS
WERE
~~WAS~~ DISHONEST. DURING HIS POLITICAL LIFE
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF IN CONDOVING
APOLOGIZING FOR AND SUPPORTING SUCH A PERSON.

IM CONVINCED THAT HE IS LYING ABOUT
WATERGATE AND JOHN DEAN TOLD THE
TRUTH

NIXON SHOULD RESIGN AS PRESIDENT.

WATERGATE WILL NOT GO AWAY WITH THE BULLSHIT
HE IS GIVING THRU HIS PRESS CONFERENCES
AND SPEECHES. AS A GRASS ROOTS VOTER
I KNOW WHAT IM TALKING ABOUT

Joseph J. Resentock

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*Sandifur Miss G.
8' Watergate
Backgrounds of
Senate Select Comm*

August 17, 1973

Miss G. Sandifur
11865 Magnolia Blvd. #16
N. Hollywood, California

Dear Miss Sandifur:

Thank you for your note of August 2 and for your generous contribution. Your support means a great deal to us and we are very happy to receive it.

Since you brought up the matter of examining the backgrounds of members of the Senate Select Committee, I am enclosing a recent statement and affidavits I presented to the public on this very issue. My statement concerning Carmine Bellino was neither a counterattack nor an attempt to say Watergate wasn't bad because the Democrats have done similar things. Watergate was bad and I deeply resent the fact that the activities of a few misguided individuals have tarnished the political system I believe in. But I agree with you that in the interest of fair play, these incidents involving members of a committee investigating Republicans should be looked into. A subcommittee consisting of Senators Gurney, Talmadge, and Inouye has been set up to investigate these charges.

Thanks again for your support. We'll do our level best to merit your confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

AUG 2 1973

If these statements on the members of the Ervin committee are correct why doesn't some one investigate the committee and get some publicity on its members backgrounds

Gladys Sandifur

The first got publicity to fast must precede the second is making to fast must precede

G. SANDIFUR APT 16
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From American Christian College
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74102

Intelligence Digest

A compilation of documented facts for thinking Americans

by Julian Williams

Director of Research, Christian Crusade

Watergate and the

The enormous publicity given the Watergate issue in recent years has almost buried a far more important issue — the return of POWs. These Americans fight back important truths about communism, along with their patriotic and religious fervor. These were important news and before the truths they brought about our Communist enemy were heard by many Americans had never heard these things before. The returning prisoners given much attention on television, in daily newspapers, popular magazines, etc. However, since the Watergate affair has been balanced into such a big thing, little has been heard of the POWs and the important truths they were bringing to a brainwashed nation.

In the May 20 issue of his newsletter, *Analysis, Tactics*, Edward Hunter pointed out a very important parallel: the trial of Sen. Joseph McCarthy by a select committee of the Senate from April through June of 1954. Hunter noted that at the same time as this trial, Communists were sieging a French fortress at Dienbienphu. In *Tactics* he wrote:

"Only a little more help would have defeated the Communists. Appeals sent by the CIA were ignored because practically all the government's attention was being focused on its fight against McCarthy. Press reports, during the 1973 brouhaha, tell how the wheels of government have almost come to a halt because of its involvement in the Watergate . . . imbroglio.

"What is taking place now, that otherwise would be getting a big news play? What should be obvious to all is that a great portion of this time on the air and space would go to the American POW re-

nature of some of the people hired by the committee. The June 2 issue of *Human Events* reported:

"Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N.C.), chairman of the select Watergate investigating committee, might do well by examining the strange hiring practices of his chief counsel, Samuel Dash. One of Dash's early hirelings was Harold K. Lipset, the panel's chief investigator who resigned in April after learning that the press was about to reveal his 1966 guilty plea to a misdemeanor in a New York case. The charge: illegal electronic eavesdropping — bugging. In an 'exclusive interview' in the May issue of *The Conspiracy*, official newspaper of the Bay Area Regional Council of the National Lawyers Guild, cited as the legal arm of the Communist Party by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Lipset boasts he 'had the privilege of working' on cases resulting in acquittals for such clients as Angela Davis, the Soledad Brothers, Russell Magee, the Pentagon Papers defendants and Bobby Seale.

"Yet another odd duck still serving on the Ervin committee payroll is former OEO attorney Terry Lenzner, a defender of left-wing antiwar activist-priests, the Berrigan brothers, one of whom labeled the returned POWs as 'war criminals.' Lenzner, the Ervin panel's assistant chief counsel, was canned a few years back by then-OEO head Donald Rumsfeld for violating OEO rules governing legal aid to radicals. Lenzner had refused to de-fund radical antipoverity groups using taxpayers' money to aid the Black Panthers and the SDS. To no one's surprise, the official biography on Ervin committee staffers makes no mention of Lenzner's OEO employment."

Aid and Comfort to Enemy

Sawyer, M.
8
Watergate

May 23, 1973

Mr. M. Sawyer
240 W. Union
Medina, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Thank you so much for taking the time to write, Mr. Sawyer. I was very interested in your interpretation of the Watergate mess.

I am confident that before long the "truth will out." I, personally, am pledged to do my level best to work here at the RNC to improve the image of the Republican Party and to try to run things on a fair and principled basis.

Also, I think we should try and maintain the proper perspective about this thing. The misguided acts of a few individuals certainly do not reflect the attitudes of the majority of good Americans - regardless of party affiliation.

Again, thank you for writing, and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:RZ:jj



940 W. Union
Medina, Ohio

Republican National Committee
310 1st St. S.E.

Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Sir:

I am a Democrat and will be frank

a very weak Democrat.

This Watergate Affair has made
emphasis. I am the opinion the news is
given to this affair is ridiculous.

This Watergate Affair could have

been acted on in 1972 but in my opinion

Stewart just something to have attention

on regarding 1974 election. The news are

out to get Nixon and don't care how they

bring in evidence by Senator

Robert Kennedy and a lot of other

More water the question. Check back

and you will realize a great few under-

handed things went.

Stewart that you men should

make Senator Stewarts statement

public once again. He made good

news.

MAY 10 1973

CORRESPONDENCE

He couldn't figure out what the Republicans had to gain. He could not understand what they were trying to learn that they did not know.

I believe it's time to find out what the Democrats dark secret was and what use the Republican party could make use of? Bellwater is correct. Just what are they afraid of?

Senator McGovern is now creeping like a sick dog with his tail behind to white wash his yellow streak? In my opinion I don't think he should have ever run. Why is he pushing the buck now? For the 76 election, I am of the opinion he cannot make it. As for Kennedy? The dirt under his feet don't make him fit. What we need is new blood with a clean past to Run for our Democate 76 Campaign. I believe my Democate party should begin to look for just that man. Senator Jackson would have

been a good choice.

We have problems that are
perilous confronting our nation.
Is this the type of Democrat low
we have, what is the matter with
both parties using this cover up
double talk out of existence is a
real tragedy.

When both party leadership
as well as the press ignore the true
nature of a Communist conspiracy.
They want this and you fight among
each other.

I believe the news media should
be ashamed to keep this issue out of
hand. In my opinion it is clear
you men are out to get Nixon and
don't care how.

I love my country and Watergate
bripping is not worse than the other
bripping. Except the fact it's Nixon
not Kennedy. How stupid can we get.
Sincerely
M. Sawyer

*Schellhose, 8
Watergate - re
Republicans*

July 16, 1973

Mrs. O. A. Schellhose
101 Northeast 19th Avenue
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441

Dear Mrs. Schellhose:

Thank you for your letter of July 6. I appreciate your sharing your views with me.

I can assure you that I am speaking out at every opportunity in defense of the President, as are other Republican leaders around the country. The Senate committee will investigate the funding of the Democrats at a later point during the hearings, and I think we should wait to see what comes up. I certainly agree with you that the President should not resign, and no Republicans that I know think he should. I am confident that when the full truth comes out, the President and the Republican Party will be vindicated.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO/br



July 6, 1973

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

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JUL 11 REC'D

Dear Sir -

Why is it the Republicans are
not raising their voices in many
cases? It sounds like everything is
on side - Every bit of dirt the
Democrats can dig up they are doing
so in hopes of harassing the President
until they can force him to Resign -
This would be the worse thing the
President could do - Why have not
the Republicans come out and demanded
that Sen. Ervin disqualify himself on
the Watergate Committee after making a
speech last week stating that our
President Mr. Nixon is the most repressive
President we have ever had - this is
really something for a man to say -
when he claims to be impartial.

Why have not the Republicans come
out with an investigation for all the
donations given to the past few Democratic
Presidents - Its time our Republicans
speak out. Many Republicans

are disgusted with the way our Republicans
are playing so quiet. - saying very little.

Its time to speak out - why let
Kennedy get by with the things hes saying -
how about "Chapagundick".

Very truly
Mrs O.A. Schellhase

101 N 19 ave
Deerpfield Bch. Fla
33441

P.S. How can a man like Sen. Boker
even talk about the Presidency - just
because he is on a committee - It
takes a lot more than sitting on
a Committee to become a President

*Scherer: Hon Gordon
'8 watergate
reply to Cole, Sturking*

August 17, 1973

Mr. Gordon H. Scherer
1717 Carew Tower
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Gordon:

These have been troubling times. I've read with keen interest your reply to Stub Cole. The press just doesn't want to "let Nixon up", but someday this will be history - not a particularly pleasant part of history - but history, and the sooner the better for our country.

Gordon, it was great hearing from you again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc



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GORDON H. SCHERER

LOUIS J. SCHNEIDER

GORDON M. SCHERER

August 16, 1973

AUG 17 REC'D

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

Dear George:

I suppose you know that Stub Cole
has been obtaining from former Republican Members
of Congress statements concerning the Watergate
hearings.

I am enclosing a copy of his letter to
me and a copy of my reply. I thought you might
be interested.

Sincerely, —



Gordon H. Scherer

GHS:jb

Att.

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GORDON H. SCHERER

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GORDON M. SCHERER

August 15, 1973

The Honorable Sterling Cole
Atomic Energy Consultant
1737 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Stub:

I have been away from the city on vacation and your letter of August 1 was on my desk when I returned yesterday. I hasten to reply.

First of all, let me congratulate you for making this much needed effort to negate some of the unfair tactics of the Senate Watergate Committee.

You may not recall, when I retired from the Congress in 1962 I was serving as the ranking Republican on the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which was comprised solely of lawyers. While I realize that an investigating committee of the Congress is not bound to follow the rules of evidence in conducting its hearings, nevertheless, the much criticised Committee on Un-American Activities scrupulously followed, with but rare exceptions, the rules of evidence.

In those days, the press and the liberal crowd applauded the Communist element, their cohorts and their lawyers, who loudly and contemptuously publicly berated the members of the Committee by calling them Birchers, witch-hunters, fascists, despoilers of the Constitution, etc.

The Honorable Sterling Cole
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As I have said, in spite of the fact that we followed the rules of evidence, we were charged with violating the First Amendment to the Constitution, the civil rights, and freedom of speech and association of these "innocents", many of whom advocated the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence.

Today this same liberal left-wing element applauds and joins with the Erwin Committee in violating the basic constitutional rights of those called before the Committee, whether they are innocent or eventually found guilty. In fact, the Senate Committee, before the eyes of the nation, without due process, has branded as guilty at least a half dozen persons. Whether they are guilty or not, they have deprived these people of a fair trial.

I predict that eventually the Supreme Court will set aside any guilty convictions because the Senate Committee, by its unfair tactics and publicity, has made it impossible for anyone involved in the Watergate scandal to obtain a fair trial anywhere in the United States.

The Supreme Court is bound to follow the ruling in the well known Sheppard case. You will recall that in that case, Dr. Sheppard was released from the penitentiary after he had been convicted of murder by a jury solely because he had been given undue and unfavorable publicity which the court held prejudiced the jury and prevented him from getting a fair trial.

The Erwin Committee supposedly is an impartial investigating committee. It is supposed to bring out all the facts, favorable and unfavorable, in connection with persons directly or indirectly involved. With few exceptions, the Committee has acted as prosecutors. Also

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with few exceptions the Committee passed up asking questions that would have pinpointed some of the issues and testimony of certain witnesses which would have reacted favorably instead of adversely against some of those involved.

Never in all my experiences during my ten years in the Congress as a member of the highly controversial investigating Committee on Un-American Activities and my earlier experience as a prosecutor and police official, have I ever seen such highly objectionable hearsay evidence permitted, such leading questions asked, such snide remarks and facial expressions approving or disapproving the testimony of witnesses. Furthermore, never before do I believe that an investigating committee so extensively permitted and asked witnesses for their beliefs, reactions, and conclusions.

What appalled me even more was the fawning by some Senators over the participants in the scandal who were confessing their guilt, hoping for some form of immunity. You do not need to be an expert in this field to realize that the main objective of most members of the Committee is to "get the President".

It has become crystal clear that the President was not involved in any way in the Watergate break-in and, consequently, the Committee is attempting to lead the country to believe that the President was the chief architect of the cover-up.

Some of the Senators, the press, and others, have attacked the President for not telling before now what he knows about Watergate and the participation of some of the White House staff and the Committee to Re-elect the President. Some of these people have already been indicted and no doubt

The Honorable Sterling Cole
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others will be. Dick Nixon could be disbarred if he made a public statement which established, or helped to establish the guilt of persons indicted.

If he testified before the Senate Committee he would be raping the Separation of Powers which every President should fight to maintain. He would be participating with the Committee in usurping the function of the Judiciary and convicting persons without a trial.

In fact, if the President had done as his detractors have demanded, he would have made it absolutely impossible for the Justice Department to convict anyone of those persons already indicted and to be indicted. As I have pointed out before, in my opinion, under the Sheppard case, the Senate Committee has already prevented the sustaining by the Supreme Court of any Watergate convictions.

The tragedy is that the members of the Senate Committee know this, but for political reasons they just don't give a damn. This is obvious because long before the hearings are concluded some of the Senators have been on nationwide radio and television and have clearly indicated that they have already made up their minds about the issues involved and the guilt or lack of guilt of witnesses who have appeared before them.

Stub, your letter gave me a chance to let off some steam that has been accumulating. Thanks a million.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Scherer

GHS:jb

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GORDON H. SCHERER

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GORDON M. SCHERER

August 15, 1973

Dear Stub:

I would like to add a note to my letter mailed to you earlier today.

In discussing the Committee on Un-American Activities, I failed to point out that whenever a matter was the subject of a Grand Jury investigation, or if the Department of Justice advised the Committee that the Justice Department was quietly investigating a matter, the Committee either cancelled the hearings or postponed them until the indictments had been disposed of or the Justice Department advised us their investigation was completed and that it had no objection to the Committee proceeding with its hearing.

This was the request that Archibald Cox made of the Senate Watergate Committee and properly so. The Senate Committee refused to comply.

Sincerely,

Gordon H. Scherer

GHS:jb

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Atomic Energy Consultant

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TELEPHONE
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August 1, 1973

To all former Republican Members of Congress:

The time definitely has come when responsible Republicans must speak out with a united voice against the rape of Nixon and the Presidency by some Democrats and a hostile press and no one can be better qualified for this than former Members of Congress. It is not enough for us to disavow involvement in Watergate by the plea that the Republican Party as such was not to blame. True as this may be, nevertheless, it remains the fact that he was our nominee for the Presidency and whatever wrong doing has been done was done in his Administration. As with one voice we must speak out for the millions of silent Republicans who feel themselves being helplessly ravished.

It is outrageous that Nixon has been allowed to be pilloried by the press and the Ervin star-chamber inquisition with no outcry of protest against this foul partisan abuse of legislative authority by the Democrats, except that of Senator Carl Curtis and his handful of stalwarts.

I would propose that all former Republican Representatives and Senators join in voicing their confidence in the integrity of Richard Nixon and their conviction that his contribution to peace and stability in the world (Viet Nam, Soviets, Red China, POW's, etc.) together with his determination to cut expenditures and curtail inflation, expand foreign trade, control drug traffic, reduce crime and many other positive accomplishments, outweigh by far the harm which may have been done by the alleged illegal piccadilloes of Watergate, even if true.

I would ask that you write at the bottom of this letter just a sentence or 2, in strong language, to express your feeling in the matter in support of Nixon and return it to me so that the responses can all be published at the same time. Dick is in a serious predicament and needs all the help possible. A cowardly Congress is mute. We owe him no less than this expression of confidence and our faith that history will record him as a great President. Please respond at once or at least give me your reaction.

This is being done on my own initiative believing that my span in Congress, 1935 - 1957, has brought me in touch with most of you.

Jordan - Hope you can give me a good blast
With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Stark

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William S. White

Keeping the Tapes *Wash. Post 7/25/73*

Immaculately innocent or guilty as midnight in the Watergate scandals, wise or unwise as a matter of politics, President Nixon is absolutely right in refusing to hand over tapes of his private conversations to the Ervin Senate committee.

No matter his motive, he is here defending the very heart of the American constitutional system, which requires the separation of powers between the presidency, the Congress, and the courts—that is to say, the independence of each and every one from the other two.

Had he submitted to the Senate here he would have set a precedent which at the very least could endanger orderly government for all the unknown future and which at the worst could destroy the effectiveness of the presidency as an institution.

It is hard in the present climate to say these things. For to defend our constitutional system, the noblest ever devised, one must open himself to the charge that he is defending corruption, or simply a man named Richard Nixon. One becomes in favor of conduct within the White House establishment that is intolerable and unforgivable to any civilized man. Nor is it any way to promotion and pay in my profession, where so many of my colleagues are running foot races to see

who can be more morally outraged than whom. Well, so be it.

The President's refusal to open confidential White House files of course invites the suspicion that he has not merely something, but possibly a great deal, to hide. For that matter, the suspicions may be valid, though on this point I for one should like to wait for all the evidence before returning any personal verdict of guilty. Even a President of the United States—even a President some of whose associates, at least, have so profoundly ill-used their country—is entitled to another constitutional protection guaranteed to all Americans. This to be presumed innocent until proved guilty.

But the point is that what Richard Nixon did or did not know about Watergate is irrelevant to the great and fateful issue that now lies before the country and ultimately before the Supreme Court. Nor is it relevant as to what the tapes might or might not prove in this connection. Indeed, the President himself introduced an irrelevancy in injecting the secondary claim that the tapes at any rate could not be conclusive.

On his side, Chairman Sam Ervin of the Senate committee responded with an irrelevancy of his own in arguing that whatever the "abstruse" constitutional situation, the President owed a "moral" obligation to surrender the files.

No, the issue is terribly simple—and in its implications simply terrible. Can the right of confidentiality for presidential files which for two centuries has been sustained be breached now because of Watergate? If this can be done to an unpopular and a suspect President it can be done tomorrow to quite another kind of President. Here is the plain, the bedrock, and the far from "abstruse" reality:

If a President cannot maintain confidentiality he cannot usefully negotiate with foreign powers, for they will know that anything they say might become public property and might moreover be torn out of all context. He cannot protect genuine, as distinguished from dubious, matters of national security. He cannot, in short, effectively govern; and he is at the mercy of any Senate committee, whether honorable and integrious this time or demagogic and destructively vengeful next time.

Is finding out "the whole truth" about Watergate, or a dozen Watergates, assuming these famous tapes could in fact find it out, really worth this much? Even the great step in the dark of a presidential impeachment would be far less dangerous to the whole future of the United States. Say if you will that Richard Nixon is right for the wrong reasons; he is still right all the same.

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Dilemma: Nixon as He Is or Not at All

In a typical passage of overblown courtroom rhetoric, Sen. Sam Ervin arrived at the remarkable conclusion that the Watergate scandal is a greater tragedy than the Civil War.

For his part, President Nixon views the Watergate proceedings as a venomous attempt to destroy him and the presidency for partisan and ideological reasons.

These opposite extremes contain the ingredients of an angry division of national opinion which may not abate throughout Nixon's second term.

It is already evident that a kind of polarization is developing less around concepts of guilt or innocence in this particular case than on broader concepts of good and evil.

Ervin is becoming more and more an anti-Nixon pro-

tagonist on general principles, and unable to conduct himself with judicial restraint. Nixon is bristling over what he conceives to be injustice to himself and the dignity of his office so that he is less able to respond to challenge in a flexible way.

Attitudes on both sides are rapidly hardening as the testimony of Nixon's accusers and his defenders come into irreconcilable conflict. The time can be foreseen when questions of guilt or innocence will rest entirely upon an interpretation of the White House tapes which Nixon denies to the Ervin Committee and special prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Either way, with the tapes in the hands of the investigators or with Nixon sustained by the courts in

withholding them, the doubts are likely to remain. Nixon admits the inconclusive elements. As he hears the tapes they vindicate him. Someone else might conclude the contrary.

If the tapes are never released, the element of doubt may be increased. But, in any case, the doubt remains. So far as Nixon is concerned, the question of guilt or innocence then tends to be measured by degree of faith in the man, not alone on the score of Watergate but upon his full record as president.

The validity of his acts and those of his associates in this extremely narrow Watergate segment of his presidency thus may be engulfed in larger political and ideological issues.

As Nixon's defense posture emerges, notably in the

testimony of John Erlichman and surely later in that of H. R. Haldeman, the emphasis is shifted to these larger questions. The issues focus on the divisive and sensitive conflicts of the 1970-72 period, evoking reflections on the theft of the Pentagon Papers, revelation of other top-secret documents and the revolutionary atmosphere created by the New Left extremists in their opposition to Nixon's policies.

An attempt is thus made to recreate a mood from which Nixon profited politically and which now serves to make more understandable some of the extreme White House responses in the 1970-72 period which do not appear in a good light today.

The choice being pushed forward is not merely between guilt or innocence in specific cases. It is increasingly being made a choice between Nixon, guilty or innocent in this particular area, and the belief of those who have always opposed him that he is now and always has been unfit to be president.

Nixon says: Take me on faith. I tell the truth.

But it may be that he will be accepted only on faith as an effective president without necessarily accepting what he says as the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Everything that he does moves the choice in that direction. He says that he will let others "wallow in Watergate" while he does what he was elected to do, and what he said he would do. He is thus asking that he be judged on his whole record as president and not on aberrations of 1970-72 with which he says he either had no connection, or no wrong intent.

Some believe him, some do not. Others believe part of what he says, and others nothing. One out of four, according to the polls, believe he should resign or be impeached.

The choice moves toward taking Nixon as he is or not at all, and that is the division which is likely to be angrily expounded throughout his second term.

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WATERGATE HEARINGS:

A ROMAN HOLIDAY?

What are the hearings on Watergate all about? I know what they are supposed to be about, but what comes through to me doesn't square with publicized intentions and purpose. I find myself bewildered and angry, and it appears that I am not alone. I have discussed these proceedings with many people, people of widely divergent political persuasions (sometimes reluctantly because I am obviously bored and disturbed by this extravaganza), and a strikingly cohesive consensus has become evident.

Our guests, hollow flattery heaped upon the mea culpa witnesses, malicious, more less dollars down the drain, pagan rite, unfair, inconsistent treatment of witnesses, circus, tax dollars grow on trees, don't they, I wonder what would come tumbling out if we opened their closets, kangaroo court, purely political, pots calling the kettle black, McCarthyism, bias, pretty Bobby Shriver, silver buckles on his knees (Baker), a man on trial for murder isn't compelled to endure such an ordeal, a convenient forum for has-beens and those on the go, cues to grind, holier than thou, boring, too repetitious . . . why do they take turns asking the same questions, isn't he cute (Baker) . . .

While I don't subscribe to all of the above impressions and descriptive words (in my opinion, some go too far, some are frivolous), I believe that many of them touch on the Achilles' heel of this committee.

Let's see who we have sitting in judgment (and I use the word "judgment" advisedly).

First: Senator Ervin, the lit' ole country lawyer (his words, not mine), reigning supreme in the clover field of his hodgepodge hamlet, reminiscences of his school days, his cue sayings; dazing on the job. I think that we, the people, deserve a Chairman less blustery, less ponderous, less self-approving, and one who is able to speak the language and express his thoughts coherently. This committee is engaged in important business. We need a Chairman who is willing and able to place himself above the bars.

Second: Senator Baker, mugging for the cameras, twirling his glasses with studied sang-froid. Too theatrical, too intent on amassing laudatory points, grinding an axe for his climb to the pinnacles. A pity aside: Both Senator Baker and Senator Ervin have been exposed to academe and live and work in an urban society. Why can't they, for heaven's sake, give that common word "further" its proper pronunciation?

Third: Senator Cunniff, a breath of uncontaminated air. He comes through as a man of excellent intelligence, dignity and genuine concern, eager to get to the heart of the matter. A Denial in the lions' den?

Fourth: Senator Weicker, a wild man — come flailing, shouting, full of sound and fury. . . . A man with a heavy temper, I suspect. Out of his depth on this committee. Few excellent and good lawyers find it necessary to flesh out their abilities with bluster, shouts and propitious gesticulations. Mediocre and inferior lawyers frequently adopt such diversionary tactics to mask their ineffectuality.

Fifth: Senator Inouye. A potentially intelligent man striving to be objective within the confines of his political posture.

Sixth: Senators Telemeche and Montoya. Two men who, without much effort, could fade into the wallpaper. So dull, so funereal, seemingly without life apart from the corporate body. Maybe they are ill, poor men, or just plain weary of public service.

Seventh: Counsel Dashi and his assistant Counselor, McCarthyism: A latter-day adaptation of it. Their naked bias with hatchets shouting, their hostility — all too palpable. These two men are not searching for truth; they are after scapegoats, particularly the price one. These men have violated, repeatedly, the principles of detachment, fairness and propriety.

Eighth: Counsel Thompson. He could be somebody someday if he nurtures his incipient predilection for objectivity, and doesn't stray down the garden path that promises premature renown.

There we have it — the whole motley bunch.

As of Thursday night, July 12th, the Watergate hearings murdered my sleep for the last time. What a pyrotechnical exhibition of undisguised animosity and virulence I saw and heard that night. If this were a play it would have closed in Pumpkin Center after the first performance. But this is not a play; this is serious business. Is this the fair and impartial committee we were promised, or is it a committee (in the majority) that weeks ago wrote the final chapter and is now working up to the consummation, brushing aside (superficially) answers that don't square with the hypothesized outline, putting words into witnesses' mouths, asking leading questions, castigating witnesses who can't remember what they were doing or saying at 10:01 on any given morning? John Dean, in his 243-page document, remembered the minutiae. He also had instant recall of dates and conversations not contained in his voluminous document. If John Dean has the remarkable memory he would have us believe he has why isn't he a \$1,000,000 a year executive instead of what he is and has been? Yet, John Dean was treated (before the committee) as a minor VIP. John Mitchell and Richard Moore, not gifted with paranormal memory, were treated brutally and as condescendingly as 18th century chimney-sweeps.

We have been told, many times, that the committee hearings are not a trial. Truer words were never spoken. This is a bad show, a travesty of reasonableness and dispassion. None of the attributes of a properly conducted trial are present here.

I have the uneasy feeling that the people, the heart of the country, are not coming forward in numbers to be heard. They discuss their feelings and impressions with friends and acquaintances, but go no further. I have the uneasy feeling that the Senate Select Committee on Watergate, with its wide coverage, is planting bad seeds and cultivated distortions in the minds of those not given to analytical thought. I say "Let the chips fall where they may." But I have the uneasy feeling that the chips are being picked up on a selective basis and crammed to form a neat picture of preconception. I feel that the committee is tearing the country apart, that it has given no sign of constructive purpose, that it should be disbanded.

Snide remarks seem to be the in-thing today. Permit me to present one of mine. I see by the papers that Senator Ervin listens to television and looks at the radio. No mean feat that — looking at the radio.

These are my thoughts and feelings about the hearings. As one of the people of this country I feel I have the right to be heard. Some fellow people won't applaud what I have written; others will. So be it.

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July 23, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your reply to my letter of July 6.

I speculated in my last letter that 80 to 90% of the political establishment in the United States is essentially corrupt. I regret to say that, on further reflection, I cannot escape the conclusion that anyone who participates in the political process automatically becomes a part of the endemic graft/corruption which appears to be the hallmark of the entire political system. To extend Barry Goldwater's term, "...the stink is everywhere..."!

I sincerely pray that the government-related political establishment in the United States will be blessed with new vision that will make its graft and corruption minimal. If the GOP courageously and sincerely draws on "radical" conservative thought available to it in building a new party, you may call on my participation.

Respectfully,

Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

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July 18, 1973

Mr. Gilmore T. Schjeldahl
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Dear Mr. Schjeldahl:

This will acknowledge your letter in reply to mine of July 6th expressing my views on behalf of President Nixon. I appreciate your support of my views.

However, I note you believe there is a fundamental issue involved far beyond the improprieties of the Watergate incident. I do not share your comments that 80-90% of our political establishment in this country are essentially corrupt. I would hate to believe that a situation like that exists.

It has been my good fortune over a number of years to have been affiliated with both the Executive and Legislative branches of government and an overwhelming number of people with whom I have been in contact are of the highest ethical standards.

I do appreciate your taking time out to give me the benefit of your thoughts and especially your consideration in forwarding a copy of your letter to Senator Ervin, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee investigating the Watergate issue.

Yours very truly,

George Bush


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July 12, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

In your letter of July 6, you expressed views complimentary to the President. I agree with you and, in addition, consider myself as "One of the 17% (who) Defends Mr. Nixon" (as described in a July 11 Wall Street Journal article by Jude Wanniske).

There is a fundamental issue that continues to bother me, however, and that is my belief that the Senate Select Committee was stimulated to its present importance by a more basic problem: "The Impoundment of Funds by the Executive Branch". As to the alleged crimes and improprieties committed in the "Watergate" and the "White House Horror Stories", I believe that the Judicial Branch of the government, with or without the help of the Senate Committee, will find and convict the guilty, reveal the truth and protect the innocent.

To be more specific about my concern, it is my feeling that the political establishment in our country is essentially corrupt because most (80 to 90% would be a guess) of its participants depend on political graft* for survival of their views and/or livelihood. When the President impounded funds, it posed a fundamental threat to the livelihood of many politicians (of both parties) and it is my belief that the Watergate issue provides a handy tool for those who wish to destroy, for all time, impoundment as a serious threat to the institution of political graft.

Political corruption may be likened to the "economic necessity" our society places on the killing of tens of thousands of our citizens, and the crippling of additional millions each year, to support the economic and social conveniences the automobile provides (to society). There seems to be something barbaric and unmoral about our collective conscience which accepts practices such as the "highway kill" and political corruption, respectively, with such a high level of insensitivity!

*Roget's College Thesaurus, page 155.

As to the correction of the basic ills in our political system, I think it is wishful thinking to expect anything of long term significance from our national institutions because, in my view, such reform will require the application of a "radical" conservative thought process and the owner of such a mind is not now on the political, or public, horizon.

Sincerely,

Simon D. Schickel

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The Honorable William Frenzel
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July 14, 1973

JUL 17 REC'D

Dear Senator Ervin:

I sadly saw your noontime TV interview where, in response to an interviewer's question, you stated in effect that "...the President is faking an illness...he only has 'walking pneumonia'". I think your remark was highly unfortunate because it was obviously picked up by a sensation-seeking reporter and has resulted in scandalous stories about the President.

Other than being ashamed of yourself, I really have nothing to suggest that can redeem your thoughtlessness!

Respectfully,

Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

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

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The Honorable William Frenzel
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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July 6, 1973

Mr. Gilmore T. Schjeldahl
4436 Marlborough Court
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Dea Mr. Schjeldahl:

Thanks for your good letter.

I have great confidence that when the Senate hearings are over and all the witnesses have had their say, the President will remain untarnished. The bi-partisan commission the President has proposed to study and recommend political campaign reforms should go a long way to clear up some of these problems for the future, but I just don't believe that wrongdoing in politics is as pervasive as Watergate makes it seem.

Thanks again for sharing your feelings with me. Your support means a lot.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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June 30, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

After reading your letter of June 21, 1973, the following observations occurred to me:

- (1) From watching a good ^{part} of the Dean testimony, I more than ever firmly believe (as I stated in my letter of 6/12/73 to Representative Frenzel) that the Senate Committee is partisan to the point that the prime objective of the Committee majority is to "...get the President...". It is also becoming clear to me that the majority party in Congress desperately needs to win the "Impoundment vs Pork Barrel" contest and, obviously, their way to win is to destroy President Nixon. We shall see what happens to the "high morals" of the Committee majority when the investigation gets around to probing the criminality of the Democratic Party when it burglarized ballot boxes and criminally gained the Presidency in the 1960 elections!
- (2) As to the moral issues suggested by the hearings, I do not recall any expression that would indicate a workable desire to make basic changes in the stained (and I speak kindly) ethical standards under which the entire political establishment operates. It seems odd to reflect, however, that it just might be possible for the GOP to become the reform party because it has far less to lose than the Democratic Party which has controlled spending for most of the past 40 years. In a more sensitive moral climate, it would sometimes be difficult to separate the word "spending" from the word "graft".
- (3) I am disillusioned by the appointment of a "conservative" conservative as the Chairman of the Minnesota GOP instead of a critically needed "radical" conservative! What I heard about the convention sounded like a re-run of the phoney flag-waving, the win-win-win, super patriotic type of baloney that is being made bankrupt by the Senate hearings. There are productive issues on which to gain voter support but I fear that the Minnesota GOP establishment has

taken novocain instead of the adrenalin it
thought was being pumped into its veins
by the election of State Senator Brown as
its Chairman.

Thank you for your responses to my letters.
I would also like to extend this appreciation to
Representative Frenzel.

Respectfully,

Simon T. Schlegel

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The House of Representatives
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June 21st 1973

Mr. Gilmore T. Schjeldahl
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Minnetonka, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Schjeldahl:

Thank you for your memo and copy of your letter to Representative ~~Frankel~~. I appreciate your letting me know how you feel, and your offer to help.

I too believe Mr. Nixon's speech put the entire Watergate episode in proper perspective. He accepted full responsibility and pledged as he had done previously, to do everything possible to see that justice is done. You have reinforced what I have been saying time and time again -- that there is a feeling of overkill and there are those who are literally dealing in innuendo and half-truth. There are many positive things happening in this country and there are many important issues on the minds of the American people -- cost of living, domestic programs, foreign policy, etc. Recently a Gallup poll showed Watergate to be not number one, but number four on the minds of the people in this country.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74. We need your help and your support now and in the future. Thank you again for your memo, and for your support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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MEMO

from Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

To Mr. Bush Date 6/1/73 Time _____

In addition to the attached letter, I thought you might be interested in a meeting I attended this week. The speaker was Rev. Larry Ward who is assigned by the Ecumenical Institute to its "Fifth City Community (Population about 20,000) on Chicago's west side, a remarkable revolutionary development wherein, after six years, over 50% of the residents own their homes! What was striking to me was to hear a black, liberal, socially-oriented Pastor say:

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"Who says that Watergate has got to be the #1 priority for our nation?"

X "In the last Chicago elections, out of 1,000 votes cast only 4 votes showed up in the newspapers!"

Let me know of any way I can help.

☐ Reply ☐ Initial and return

☐ See me

Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

Frenzel says Nixon should testify in Senate probe

By Staff Correspondent

Washington, D.C.

Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., said Thursday that testimony by President Nixon before the Senate select committee now investigating the Watergate scandal "would have the greatest possible effect" in restoring public confidence in the administration.

Frenzel said he was disappointed with a recent White House statement declaring that it would be "constitutionally inappropriate" for Mr. Nixon to testify before either the Senate committee or a federal grand jury. Federal prosecutors also are investigating the burglary of Democratic national headquarters June 17 in the Watergate office complex.

The Minnesota Republican noted that there is an historical precedent against presidential testimony before congressional committees. But he added that the involvement of presidential campaign aides in the burglary was a unique situation.

Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

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June 1, 1973

Dear Representative Frenzel:

I note with displeasure and surprise in this morning's Minneapolis Tribune that you urge President Nixon to appear before the Senate select committee for the purpose of giving testimony on matters which may be of interest to the committee.

The most accurate estimate I can make of your statement is that it is trendy, constitutionally unsound and provides a place where you can hide politically. I, therefore, cannot understand your motives or logic when the President has already issued a 4,000 word statement which alone should provide an excellent and adequate basis for suggestions and criticisms by anyone not interested in "...getting the President..." (as Mr. Fensterwald said).

Until you have given what I consider to be an adequate response to the President's statements, I regret that I shall find it very difficult to continue my support for you for the political office you now hold.

Sincerely,

Gilmore T. Schjeldahl

The Honorable William Frenzel
The House of Representatives
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May 22, 1973

Mr. E. J. Schoneberger
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Dear Mr. Schoneberger:

Thank you very much for sending along a copy of your May 10th letter of opinion.

It is so true that we all must be careful, particularly during these difficult times, to maintain a good sense of perspective. And further that great care must be taken to protect one of our great American principles that one is innocent until proven guilty.

Our American system is a good system, and it works. That is a very important thing to remember.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/mj



An Open Letter of Opinion

Republican National Committee,
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Washington, D.C. 20003

May 10, 1973.

Re: Representative Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin's statement on the
Watergate counterspy case.

Statements of the aforementioned democratic congressman concerning the
formation of a "coalition government" (and indicating some complicity of the
President or Vice President via suggestion that they both "resign"), sound
familiar.

We are being faced, as a nation, with demands for "coalition government"
in other parts of the world.

Representative Reuss' citation of "Germany" as an example of successful
coalition governments has an added repulsive effect on me, even more odious
than the original statements, if this is possible.

Apparently some of the persons affiliated with the McGovern type politics
are now trying to get into the white house by the back door, after suffering
the most humiliating, overwhelming, electoral defeat of their candidate in the
history of this nation.

Even right-thinking democrats are repelled by such radical ideas, and I
feel that the statements by Reuss can be used to expose an even more radical
political suggestion of change in our form of government. After all, most of
our forefathers came to this land to get away from the "isms" and "spasms" of
Europe and I don't feel that we want to go over to a system set by German ex-
ample at this late date.

Some of the German (and other) news mediae who want such a change should
have done their talking to Hitler. Perhaps they could have effected more sig-
nificant change nearer to home, and at a much earlier date.

I don't think that the radical thinking minority should be permitted,
even with media help, to sway or dupe the people by making the most noise.
I go along with the most knowledge and not the most noise running this country.

Perhaps the American system of innocent until proven guilty is not to
Representative Reuss liking. Apparently he wants to get his way without even
trying to get the facts in a Constitutional manner, via attempts to impeach
innocent men.

In fact, some of the other factors, such as the vote count in Illinois
areas which put John Kennedy in ahead of Nixon the first time, didn't sound from
the reports I read, as though the real will of the majority was what some of
the radical liberals wanted. And I don't believe in "benevolent dictatorships."

Boats are going both ways nowadays, and I would like to see the Republican
Party make this known to representative Reuss.

Very sincerely,

E. J. Schoneberger,

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February 16, 1973

Ms. Madelyn Seabright
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Dear Ms. Seabright:

This will acknowledge your letter expressing your views on the "Watergate" affair.

I have been involved in politics many years in many capacities and I can assure you that incidents of this kind truly are isolated.

I have always looked on politics as a noble profession and I continue to look on it that way. Politics is, after all, basic to our free system of government. 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. Any action - isolated as it may be - by any group or individual that casts a grubby, dirty connotation on politics is bad - not only for those involved but for the whole business of politics. It cannot be tolerated.

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

We must not become so cynical ourselves that we fall prey to those cynics who point to this incident as representative of all political activity. That simply isn't true. The problem is that too many people have adopted the attitude that politics is dirty. Our job - and mine particularly as Republican National Chairman - is not to change politics but to correct that attitude about it.

Yours very truly,

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George Bush



From the quill of

MADLYN SEABRIGHT

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To whom it may concern,

I'm surely in favor
of working to get a
majority in Congress
for a change for the
Republicans. No more
of this Watergate
actions. Surely the
Republicans have
intelligent enough
leadership to avoid
subterfuge! I'm not
for such actions!

Sincerely yours,

Madelyn Seabright

*Seidel, Mrs Ben
&
Watergate items*

June 18, 1973

Mrs. Ben Seidel
Post Office Box 805
Edna, Texas 77957

Dear Mrs. Seidel:

I have your letter together with the two articles which you were kind enough to enclose discussing views on the Watergate incident and in reference to my comments on television. I do appreciate your bringing the articles to my attention. I would judge that the President will be making TV appearances in the not-too-distant future.

In view of your interest in this subject, I am taking the liberty of enclosing articles which I believe may be helpful and give you encouragement.

May I join with you in your admiration of our First Lady, Mrs. Pat Nixon.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

GB:ABH:jd



June 8, 1973

ABK
Mrs. Ben Seidel
P.O. Box 805
Edna, Texas 77957

JUN 13 1973

Dear Mr. Chairman.

I cut those two clippings from the Houston Chronicle, and I think millions of people feel the same way.

We have not lost faith in our President, he is a man we trust he has a wonderful wife & family and I think all these rumors about Watergate, and I say rumors are terrible.

Why doesn't Mr. Nixon put a stop to it, let him get on the T.V. and get them told once and for all.

This mess has been going on for months and it is time some one stopped it.

Every time a person turns the news on it, it's Watergate every time we pick up the paper it's Watergate. We are so sick of Watergate.

And the biggest disgrace is when I even see the word impeach. There was not anybody that thought more of his country than President Nixon.

Mrs. Nixon is one of the most gracious people, we are so lucky to have a First Lady like her in the White House.

Sincerely

Mrs. Ben Seidel

Mrs. Ben Seidel

JUN 13 1973

Watergate Was a Tragedy But Not Chappaquiddick

From E. B. Buffington, 10721 Pillot.

Recently, I was fortunate to hear two knowledgeable and sincere people, Clare Boothe Luce and George Bush, being interviewed on television. Both were high in their praise of the wonderful job President Nixon has done in getting over half a million of our boys and our POWs out of Vietnam and getting better relations and trade with China and Russia. Both are well known for their integrity, and they stated that in their opinion, President Nixon had no prior knowledge of Watergate or the attempted cover-up of same, if such there was.

On the other side of the coin: Sen. Edward Kennedy told the American Society of Newspaper Editors the people of this country and other countries could not have any confidence in American leaders because of Watergate. He told those editors that it is "A traumatic national tragedy and you know its name is Watergate."

Later, in speaking at Syracuse University, Kennedy said that Watergate was a wound that the Senate should supervise an operation on to bring the facts to the people. He did not say anything about an operation to bring the facts of Chappaquiddick to the people.

Democrats Revitalized By Watergate Scandal

From W. Roy Ledbetter, 2622 Werlein.

Thanks for printing the statement made by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "This is no time to become cynical. Much good may come of Watergate" (The Chronicle, May 29).

I can forgive illiterates but I do not forgive or excuse the educated, the literate, those who say they want the truth and yet who do not read, a good daily newspaper. If honest, sincere, open-minded, seekers of truth would only read both sides of this Watergate investigation, they would agree with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Far more wrong and more damage have been done to our country, to our country's relations, and to our security by this attempt to discredit our government and President, than the breakin.

The Democratic Party can be and is — thankful for the breakin. The Democratic Party was dead. It was in a state of coma. The breakin brought it back to life. It, now is at least breathing. And apparently its only chance to survive is to blackmail the Republican Party.

*Seller, M. R. K.
8
Watergate*

April 13, 1973

Mr. M. R. K. Seller
Route 3, Box 81
Midlothian, Texas 76065

Dear Mr. Seller:

Thank you for forwarding the newspaper clippings
from The Wall Street Journal.

No one would like to see Watergate cleared up
more than I. I don't like it, and I have spoken out
openly and publicly against it. Enclosed are a few
Press Releases on the subject which I believe you
may find of interest.

I abhor anything that gives politics a bad name.
I do not believe that incidents such as Watergate
are representative. However, the matter must, of
course - be cleared up soon, and I am confident it
will be.

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward
building and strengthening the Party and electing
a Republican majority to Congress in '74. I hope
we can count on your support in this endeavor,
and I will do my level best to merit that support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:RZ:jj

PLEASE, PLEASE CONFRONT WATERGATE HEAD-
 PRESS, RADIO & T.V.
 DEMOCRATS, LIBERAL

AND TAKE PRESENT ADVANTAGE FROM
 NEWS & Anti-Nixon COMMENTORS
 SUSTAINING MEMBER
 J.R.K. SELLER No. 05-958965

ESDAY, MARCH 21, 1973

Thinking Things Over

BY VERMONT ROYSTER

Watergate Wonders

The real mystery of Watergate, as that muddled affair unfolds, is less about what happened last summer at the Democratic headquarters than why the Nixon headquarters at this late date is letting a caper turn into a political calamity.

For caper—that is to say, a wild escapade—is certainly the right word for that bungled effort to bug the Democratic campaign offices at the Watergate complex. It had all the earmarks of a collegiate frolic, like stealing the opponent's mascot before the big game.

And it was about equally pointless. Even if it had succeeded, it's hard to imagine what these grown-up adolescents could possibly have learned from tapping a few telephone calls that would have been of any real value in the '72 campaign. Somebody had just been watching too many TV spy movies.

Moreover, let's admit it, there was quite a bit of hilarity in the amateurishness of it all. Here were these grown men—including lawyers, a former FBI agent and some with CIA experience—plotting all this derring-do and then letting themselves get caught by a night watchman on routine patrol. It was enough to make James Bond shudder.

It was also enough, last June, to make most people chortle. The Democrats kept trying to make campaign hay with the scandal, but every public opinion poll kept showing that the public reaction was one of glee at the bungling and mostly indifference at the "outrage." As far as anybody can tell, the Watergate caper had not the slightest effect on the November voting. Some little boys had been caught with their fingers in the cookie jar. So what?

Yet here it is nine months later and the Watergate affair is no longer an amusing caper which the administration can lightly brush aside. The hounds of the press are running with their tongues lolling, the Democrats are licking their chops, the FBI is wounded, the Senate and the White House are in confrontation. Watergate has become a black mark on the escutcheon of the administration, threatening to become a political catastrophe for President Nixon.

Altogether, the impression grows that the White House has bungled things worse than those eager-beaver amateur sleuths on that June night.

For the present imbroglio was certainly avoidable. In an organization as large as the administration of the U.S. government, it's never particularly surprising when a scandal erupts. It's not a new experience for Presidents to be ill-served by men with more loyalty than judgment. Prevention is almost impossible. The key, rather, is prompt action when such things do occur.

Thus it seems most probable that President Nixon could have reduced the Watergate affair to a 10-day wonder as far back as last June. All that was like needed was clear

and unequivocal disapproval and, if necessary, letting a few heads roll.

A prime example was President Eisenhower's handling of the Sherman Adams affair. Mr. Adams was President Eisenhower's closest adviser and his peccadillos were relatively minor, the acceptance of a few small gifts. Yet when that threatened to sully the White House, even in a small way, Mr. Adams was banished. It all became an incident, no more.

What has permitted the Watergate affair to become such unpleasant business is that it was handled from the beginning as if there were nothing much to it and with the attitude that it would just go away once the election was over.

The reason it didn't was that the White House muffed one opportunity after another to clear the air. The Watergate trial got some convictions all right, but in the rush to bury the affair more questions were raised than answered. Even the judge was critical.

What has come out since hardly quiets the suspicious—thousands of dollars, much in cash, moving from hand to hand; the shifting around of bank accounts; evidence that at least somebody on the White House staff was privy to and participated in the espionage plans. And so on.

At each stage the White House staff reaction has been first to deny and then to dismiss as "politically inspired" any new revelations, all too often being embarrassed afterwards when new evidence seemed to confirm reports. That a lot of the criticism is political is obvious; who expects the Democrats to ignore the opportunity? But that doesn't alter the fact that the whole thing has become a mess.

When the caper first came a-cropper it would not be at all surprising if the White House staff took the attitude that the less the "boss" knew about it the better. The motive could be in part to protect the President, but also to protect associates who, however misguidedly, had been trying to help his reelection campaign. Either way, the instinct would be to tell him no more than was unavoidable about what happened, who was involved and how.

The consequences of this should be known to anyone who has ever been in a command position or run a large organization. The boss accepts the version that the caper was just the wild idea of a few campaign hangers-on. Trusting his staff information, he reacts accordingly—and is trapped.

Thus it's possible—indeed, quite likely—that President Nixon has been as surprised as anyone else by the subsequent developments. Anyway, it is difficult to believe that a man as astute as Mr. Nixon, and as experienced in politics, would have let things get to their present state if he had known all that was involved from the beginning.

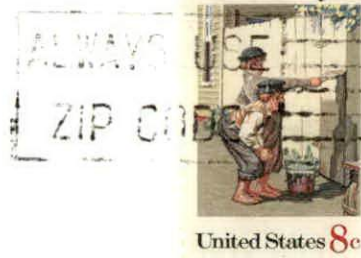
The lesson in this is an old one. Political leaders have always prayed more for protection from their friends than their enemies; in his term as President Mr. Nixon has rarely been bested by his foes but too often betrayed by his loyal henchmen. That's something that should give him pause.

It's true enough that compared with the major accomplishments of the President—the ending of the Vietnam war, the rapprochement with China, the determined assault on the budget—the Watergate affair will rate no more than a footnote in history. But sometimes on such trivia do more important political efforts founder. Too much is at risk for him not to move swiftly now to repair the damage, letting what heads topple as may.

J. R. K. Seller

ROUTE 3 - BOX 81

MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS 76065



*Send him
Yb's please
omit some
unintelligible language*

PERSONAL

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

Severinghaus, Walter
8
Watergate

March 29, 1973

Mr. J. Walter Severinghaus
38 Lockwood Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mr. Severinghaus:

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

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

George Bush



Please cooperate in clearing up
the categorization mess - so that
how unpleasant the facts may be -
so that I can continue as a
Republican without apology.

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SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

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

☆ \$15.00

☆ \$25.00

☆ \$50.00

☆ \$100.00

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Please send me a receipt.

MR J WALTER ☒ SEVERINGHAUS
38 LOCKWOOD RD
SCARSDALE, NY 10583

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

*Sexton, Spencer
Watergate suit
CREP not RNC*

May 3, 1973

Dear Mr. Sexton:

Thank you for your letter of April 22. It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate your writing.

The suit to which you refer is in no way connected with the Republican National Committee. It was brought against the Committee to Re-Elect the President, an independent legally-organized Committee, which was engaged solely in the raising of funds for the re-election of the President, and conducting his campaign. We at the RNC are not involved.

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

All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mr. Spencer L. Sexton
5301-D Oldfield Road
College Park, Georgia 30349

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5301-D Oldfield Road
College Park, Georgia 30349
April 22, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st St., SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I am greatly disturbed by reports that the Republican National Committee or its representatives have offered the Democratic Party an out-of-court settlement in return for dropping the threatened Watergate law suit. I should like to have it on record that there is at least one Republican who is unalterably opposed to any "deal", "settlement", or "bargain" with the Democratic party in this matter.

On the subject of espionage, "political" or otherwise, the American electorate must never be allowed to forget how many secrets the Democrats (FDR, Harry Hopkins, Alger Hiss, et.al.,) handed over directly to the Soviet Union or to other Communist countries via the United Nations. And only the Good Lord knows what the Kennedys promised and delivered to Mr. Khrushchev to resolve "peacefully" the so-called "Missile Crisis".

The problem seems to be that we Republicans have been far too lenient in not taking the Democrats to task for their sorry record in Congress and the Presidency. We may have deluded ourselves by thinking that we could attract borderline Democrats or "uncommitted voters" by tactfully playing down the numerous colossal blunders that the Democrats have committed. So in gratitude, the Democrats are now threatening us with a \$6 or \$8 million damage suit!

I believe that our party did so well in the last election not through uncommitted voters or borderline Democrats. Rather, we won because the silly liberal policies of Humphrey, Muskie, Kennedy, and Lindsay appeared so ridiculous and because the anti-Americanism and rowdiness of the McGovern people stuck in the collective voters' craw. Now that we have the Democrats on the run, this is no time to let them put us on the defensive or to offer instant financing for their next campaign.

The illustrious Mr. Strauss should be unequivocally informed that under no circumstances will the Democrats get a single cent that has not been awarded to them by the courts. If he and his hypocrites think they have a case, they'd better put up or shut up. The Democrats should be served notice upon that their own sordid shenanigans (FDR and his convention control, Kennedy and news management, Ramsey Clark's violation of the Logan Act) will be fully aired in public should they be foolish enough to enter a courtroom.

Sincerely,

Spencer L. Sexton
Spencer L. Sexton

Sharon Mrs Gladys
8
Watergate

October 2, 1973

Dear Mrs. Sharon:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date. I am sorry that my public statements have not sufficiently encouraged you to retain your Republican Party Association.

So that you may have a better understanding of my views on the Watergate matter, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the transcript of my recent dissertation on the Meet the Press program. I am hopeful, too, that in the challenging days ahead which face our party, it will be possible for you to once again walk by our side in this critical period of our party's history.

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mrs. Gladys Sharon
P. O. Box 153
Veneta, Oregon 97487

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Mrs. Gladys Sharon
P.O. Box 153 97487
Veneta, Or.

Veneta, Or.
Sept. 10, 1973

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Mr. George Bush
Rep. Hdqrs
Wash. D.C.

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Dear Mr. Bush:

Your party is shown big
and you are the biggest actor.
Oh, how you hate to see people
find out via Watergate how
your party is loaded with
Crooked Deals.

Keep talking you are
not convincing anyone, so
on with Watergate Hearings
And Uncle Sam Crime

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gladys Sharon
(Former) (Republican)

Shelley, T. G.
8
Watergate

no reply
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1696 Waukazoo Dr
Holland, Mich 49423

10 July, 1973

Mr George Bush, Chrm
Republican National Comm.

Dear Mr Bush:

It was very kind of you to take the time to reply to my letter of 23 June this year. It is the first time anyone accorded me the courtesy of a reply in the two years I have been less than enthused about the party actions and platforms. The copy of your comments has been helpful, and I wish you well in your resolve to keep the party clean and progressive.

As you can imagine from my and other letters, you face considerable skepticism in your efforts to rid the party of the taint of Watergate, the subservience to "big business", and the favors rendered to union officials. When it once again becomes the party of the average citizen, of economy in operations, and of a balanced budget, then I and most of my friends may renew our steady financial support, small tho it is in comparison to the gifts from the individuals to whom the special favors were performed.

We wish you success in your efforts, and suggest that you get the message thru to the White House incumbent. Again, thank you for replying to my original letter when you have so much on your mind and schedule.

Good luck, Sir.

T. G. Shelley

May 16, 1973

*Shirah, Ross
8
Watergate
The President*

Mr. Ross P. Shirah
P. O. Box 2713
Louisville Station
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Dear Mr. Shirah:

Thank you for your good letter of support for the President. Certainly it was timely and to the point. Attached are some of the things I've been saying about Watergate. I must say I don't like the allegations or the connotations that damage our system, but after all, in our system people are innocent until proved guilty. I considered your letter supportive, strong, and very much to the point. Let me close by saying that the Republican Party is alive, well, and, in my view, strong. Thanks for writing.

Yours very truly,

GB/hc

George Bush



P E R S O N A L

Ross P. Shirah
P.O. Box 2713
Louisville Station
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

May 6, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have taken this opportunity to correspond with you to express my feelings concerning the Watergate matter and its relationship with President Nixon and the Republican Party.

Not having at my disposal all of the pertinent facts concerning this matter, I must admit that I am at a disadvantage. However, I do have some thoughts on this situation which I should like to share with you and anyone else who might be interested.

I am sincerely convinced that the President had no knowledge of this event as it took place last June, nor was he a willing or conscious part of its planning or execution. In further consideration, I am sincerely convinced that a conspiracy does exist, however. A conspiracy which hasn't made the national headlines and probably won't be because of its intent.

I believe the conspiracy--the real conspiracy--lies in an attempt on the part of many representatives of the press to discredit Mr. Nixon. Furthermore, they not only desire to discredit him, but the Republican Party as well. I see in this effort--workings of a group whose objectives are far more sinister than those attributed to the seven men that sought to bug the Democratic Party Headquarters.

Let me say now that I am not totally in agreement with those who planned the so-called Watergate operation. I think they were stupid to have been caught and I cannot imagine what they hoped to gain by this method of operation. Let me also say that I did not like the idea of the Committee to Re-Elect The President having the power that it did. I think the President's campaign should have been handled by the Republican Party. It is most unfortunate that this situation has been allowed to inflate as it has, because it certainly isn't worth the attention it has received.

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Edmund Burke once wrote: "He that wrestles with us strenthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper."

Let us go forward and work for the betterment of the Republican Party in every state across this land. When we know that we are right and are not guilty of any wrongdoing, then we should raise our heads and let our enemies know that we do not intend to shrink back into some dark corner of despair. We intend to be out there brother! Let our enemies beware!

Until I have seen irrecovable and doubtless evidence to the contrary, I contend that President Nixon is innocent in this matter and shall support him. I ask fellow Republicans to give him that much support.

Thank you for your time and consideration sir.

Yours truly,



Ross P. Shirah
Member, Republican
State Central Committee,
State Of Louisiana

*Shuler Linda
8' watergate
Newspaper articles*

August 8, 1973

Mrs. Linda Shuler
Shuler Productions
6400 North Central Expressway
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shuler:

Thank you for your good letter of July 25. Your words of encouragement and support mean a great deal to us. I very much appreciate your taking the time to write and to send the clipping from the Dallas Morning News.

I'm familiar with the London Sunday Express article and in fact have had it, along with a London Times article reprinted for distribution to all Republican members of Congress and to our Republican Party leaders. I enclose a copy for your information. I agree with you that this point of view does have a lot of wallop. I'm confident that when this Watergate mess is cleaned up, the Republican Party and the President will be vindicated.

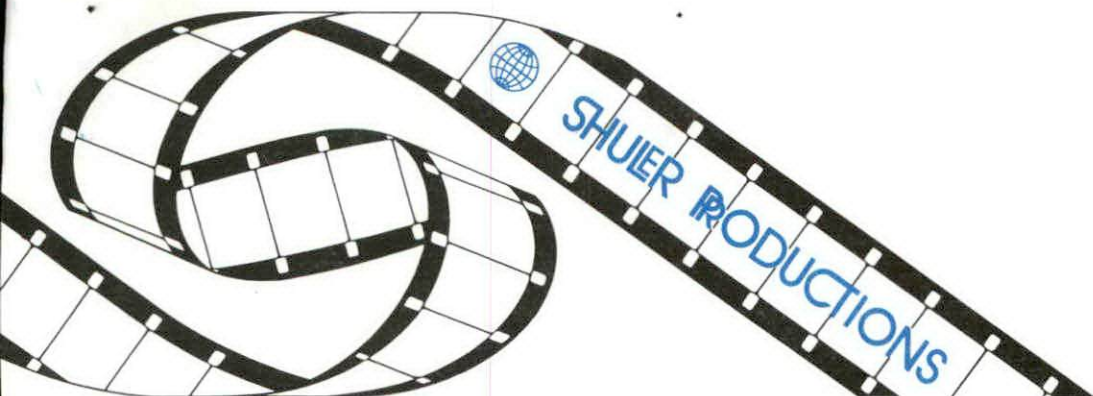
Thanks for sending along your ballad. I agree that the Watergate hearings have certainly at times appeared biased. That is why I felt it so very important to release the information I had on Carmine Bellino. I believe in fair play and it doesn't seem right that the chief investigator of a committee investigating Republicans has been implicated in spying on Republicans in the past.

Again, many thanks for your loyalty and support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:KP



JUL 27 1973

July 25, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

Bravo! It's time, high time, we started fighting back. Our party has done too much handwringing and apologetic cringing on Watergate; no wonder we are being pushed around.

Enclosed is my contribution to the Party, a bit of back talk entitled "The Ballad of Watergate." It is not genteel, but let's face it, the President's enemies are out to get him and they are not being genteel. Please use this where it will do some good.

Also enclosed is Walter Baskin's column from the Dallas Morning News which reprints a beautiful comment by a member of the British Parliament as printed in a London paper. Coming from such a source, this story has wallop and I hope you will use it, too.

If by any chance there's anything we can do here, say the word.

After 'em, Texan!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda Shuler'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Shuler
Owner and Executive Producer

ll/s

THE BALLAD OF WATERGATE

by
Linda Shuler

"It is pretty horrifying to watch the way in which
supposedly responsible Americans are going about
the business of discrediting not only their President
but the whole system of government in the United
States."

- London Sunday Express

"A strong, a great and compassionate nation? "
You don't understand the real situation.
We're criminal bums on a swayback horse.
Unless we're Democrats, of course.

Humble the nation,
Watch as it wiggles.
If it's good for the Demos,
It's good for the giggles.

Come to the circus, come to the hearing,
Savor the laughter, join in the cheering!
Come to the ball while a country's dissected.
The gore doesn't count if a Demo's elected.

Bloody the nation!
Give it the chop!
Anything goes
If a Demo's on top.

"We're out to get Nixon, that's it and no more?"
Well, look what he did to our beautiful war.
Shame on the bugging! Shame on deceivin'!
For that landslide election we're going to get even.

Here's to the saviors,
Here's to the great.
Here's to the heroes
Of Watergate.

We're Seekers of Truth for the good of the land.
Until we're elected, you understand.
Who will remember that drowned, dead face
With the silent scream still etched in place?
Who investigates Teddy's claims?
Who will televise the games?

Let's face it, baby.
Nobody.

Continued...

Turn on the channel, learn what they did.
Who is discovering deals that we hid?
Political sleuthing is old as the game.
Who is demanding if we did the same?

Right on, baby.
Nobody.

Polish my halo, sharpen my spear,
Up innuendo and on with the smear!
I'm off to the tailors for another suit, dear.
I have to look handsome each time I appear.
Where is my scepter, where is my crown?
I can't let my public down.

Come to the hearings
So good for the land!
Admire my motives!
Admire my stand!

Here's to the festive and fun days of yore,
The mobs and the marches and gunnings and more.
Where is the rabble? Where is their thunder?
We're after the President now, and no wonder.

Shame on the bugging! Shame on deceivin'!

For the triumph in China,
The triumph in Russia,
Ending the cold war,
Bringing our POWs home,
And most of all for not groveling when we say so,

Baby, we are going to get even.

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Robert E. Baskin

Nixon's Detractors Criticized

Senior Political Analyst

The idea that the United States is being generally condemned in Europe because of the Watergate affair is being widely fostered. Evidently, this is a part of the general propaganda campaign in this country.

We have in hand an article from the June 10 London Sunday Express, entitled "The White House Witch Hunt." It is written by Angus Maude, a member of the British Parliament, and it is with some pleasure that we herewith reprint it:

"Have the Americans taken leave of their senses? Looking objectively at the handling of the Watergate affair and its ramifications, one is almost forced to the conclusion that they have.

"IT IS PRETTY horrifying to watch the way in which supposedly responsible Americans in the higher echelons in politics and public affairs are going about the business of discrediting not only their President but the whole system of government in the United States.

"The press and the other media are enthusiastically urging them on, and revelling in the resultant mess. Every accusation against President Nixon and his staff however untested and however tainted its source, is given the widest publicity.

'Innuendo Used'

"Every possible innuendo is used to slant the impression given to the public, apparently in the hope of fixing the people's verdict before half the evidence has been heard.

"Perhaps the most nauseating feature of the campaign is the self-righteous pretense of the smearers that they are only 'acting in the public interest' and 'helping to get at the truth.'

"The only facts that they are interested in are those that can be used to discredit the President; and the way the campaign has been handled is not in the public interest at all, but deeply

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damaging to the United States and to all the best things for which America stands.

"ALL THE half-forgotten elderly whiz-kids of the Jack Kennedy era have been writing articles . . . viciously venting their traditional hatred of President Nixon, but adding sententiously that the whole horrible business is really a blessing in disguise which will lead to much-needed reforms in the system of government.

"Clearly they see it as a heaven-sent bandwagon which they can hitch a ride towards the ultimate triumph of Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"That a victory for this deplorable man would be for them and for most of the eastern American liberal establishment a desirable consummation of the present campaign is sufficient guide to their sense of values.

"(Nixon's) detractors have resorted to the argument that if he were not guilty he would have proved himself innocent, which is a typical inversion of the principles of fairness and justice for which they purport to stand.

"THE IMPORTANT POINT, however, is this: Whatever truth emerges at the end of the inquiries, whether the President is vindicated or brought down, the whole business is being handled in a way calculated to do the most damage to America and to the true interests of its people.

"Mr. Nixon's enemies . . . are out to destroy him, and they do not seem to care who or what suffers in the process.

"Any responsible householder is more concerned about an imminent threat to the fabric of his building than a temporary smell in the drains.

"You would have thought that any educated American could foresee the desperate consequences of a major constitutional crisis at this time.

"Is this just a fixation of intellectual liberals? Or are our media, too, so deeply infiltrated by anti-American leftists that they feel compelled to attack the one man who seemed likely to save America and restore its influence in world affairs?

Landslide Victory

"Let us remember one or two things about President Nixon:

"He won his landslide election victory because the American people recognized his practical achievements and wanted him to complete the job.

"He seemed to be halting the hopeless drift towards anarchy and violence in which the country was involved.

"Mr. Nixon brought to its only possible end the hopeless bloody struggle in Vietnam, a struggle to which Kennedy and Johnson had committed America at the wrong time and on the wrong terms. He has laid the foundation of detente with Russia and China.

AMERICA, AND INDEED the whole Western world, already owes him quite a lot. If he survives we may yet come to owe him a great deal more. No possible successor is likely to be a statesman of anything like his caliber.

"Above all, let us pray that if Mr. Nixon is brought down by the rabble now pursuing him, the damage to America and its friends may be less than they seem determined to inflict.

"Perhaps they will at least have the grace to stop appearing to enjoy it all so much."

To the right honorable gentleman's comments we would have only this to add: "Hear! Hear!"

CC: THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH

Mr. Hobart Lewis
Chairman and Editor-in-Chief
The Reader's Digest
Pleasantville, New York, 10570

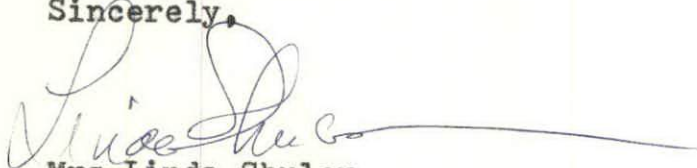
July 25, 1973

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I was shocked that a publication of your calibre and international distribution would be willing to lend your prestige to Alsop's personal, vindictive opinions. Watergate has inflicted enough damage to this country, here and abroad.

In fairness, and in the best interest of this nation, a rebuttal is in order. Therefore, I submit the article from the June 10 London Sunday Express written by Angus Maude, member of the British Parliament, as reprinted and discussed in Robert E. Baskin's column, Showcase, July 15, 1973, enclosed.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Linda Shuler
Owner and Executive Producer



Republican
National
Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

May 7, 1973

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*Sickels, Harvey
&
Watergate*

Mr. Harvey Sickels
3038 S. W. 40th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

Dear Mr. Sickels:

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

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

The sordidness of Watergate symbolizes everything I oppose in politics and everything I know you oppose. But I am confident the Republican Party will not suffer. The losers will be those who broke the law. They will not be the workers, Party members, or Republican officeholders who in no way were involved.

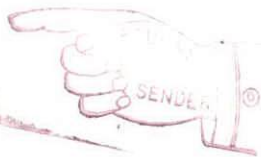
All our efforts at the RNC are geared toward strengthening the Party and electing a Republican majority to Congress in '74. We need your help and your support now and in the future. I'll do my level best to merit your confidence.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



Republican
National
Committee.



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Mr. Harvey Sickels
3038 S. W. 40th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50321



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



March 13, 1973

Hugh:

I sent the attached note and article
to Charlie.

Good seeing you.

George Bush

This note and attachments went to:

Mr. Hugh Sidey
Time Magazine
888 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Peter Lisagor
Chicago Daily News
1229 National Press Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Mrs. Nancy Dickerson
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1112
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Stewart Alsop
Newsweek
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Brad Jacobs
Baltimore Morning Sun
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Mr. John Osborn
The New Republic
1244 - 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

*Sidney Hugh
8 Watergate
Ball
Lisagor, Peter
Dickerson, Nancy
Alsop, Stewart
Jacobs, Brad
Osborn, John &
Bartlett, Charles*

March 14, 1973

Dear Charlie:

After our lunch, I came back to the office and found on my desk this little box in a Kentucky paper. It was run ten days ago.

Without discussing the merits of the case, I guess this is the type of thing I had in mind when I said the Watergate seemed to be of more interest here in Washington.

I'll send copies to the others.

Thanks for a pleasant interlude.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Charles Bartlett
1366 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Scoreboard

	Percentages	
1. Are you tired of hearing about the Watergate Affair on television?	Yes 74.8%	74.8
	No 21.8%	21.8
	Undecided 3.4%	3.4
2. Would you rather depend on President Nixon to hold down federal spending in fighting inflation than on Congress?	Yes 75.4%	75.4
	No 21.1%	21.1
	Undecided 3.5%	3.5
3. Are you in favor of building the Alaskan pipeline to get extra oil as soon as possible rather than depend on shipments from Arab countries?	Yes 72.1%	72.1
	No 20.5%	20.5
	Undecided 7.4%	7.4

Vote On These Issues — Your Opinion Counts

1. Is the Women's Liberation movement gaining in Kentucky?

Yes	-----	☐
No	-----	☐
Undecided	-----	☐
2. Do you agree with the White House's decision to retain the 5.5 per cent wage guidelines for another year?

Yes	-----	☐
No	-----	☐
Undecided	-----	☐
3. Do you agree with President Nixon's plans to cut the waste from social programs and put stress on "self-reliance?"

Yes	-----	☐
No	-----	☐
Undecided	-----	☐

Check your answer, clip along dotted lines and mail to "Your Opinion Counts," Herald-Leader, 220 W. Short St., Lexington, Ky., 40507.

Ballots Must be in Thursday, March 8. Results of this appear Sat., March 10.

We Welcome Any Suggestions From Our Readers Regarding Questions For Your Opinion Counts.

*Siebel, George E.
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Watergate - issues
discontinued sustaining*

April 13, 1973

Mr. George E. Siebel
2729 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Siebel:

Your letter of January 26 addressed to Mr. Maurice Stans, former Chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, has been brought to my attention.

I am distressed that you chose to discontinue your association with our Sustaining Membership program. However, your name has been removed from our mailing list as you requested.

I join you in deploring the Watergate matter, and am enclosing copies of some statements I have made on the subject.

Despite your differences with the President on some issues, I hope that you will look at his overall record and judge him on total performance. I also hope you will find it possible in the months ahead to join with us in making the Republican Party the majority Party.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

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GEORGE E. SIEBEL
2729 SHERIDAN ROAD
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

869-4002

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

JAN 31 1973

WASHINGTON, D. C.
January 26, 1973

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

*Have
deleted
him
1/31*

Dear Mr. Stans:

I am returning the Republican Party Membership Card recently sent to me and I ask that my name be removed from these mailing lists. I must acknowledge that my recent vote for Mr. Nixon was not cast without misgivings and subsequent events have only added to my concern.

Mr. Nixon's ill-advised court selections and the summary disposition of the Watergate incident have engendered little public confidence in the administration's concern for individual freedom and civil rights. Nor has the new court's holding against the confidentiality of newsmen's sources added anything to this image. And the Justice Department's persecution of the little Beacon Press for its publication of the Pentagon Papers would simply appear as ridiculous "overkill" if its possible implications were less sinister.

I cannot help feeling that the administration's verbal support of the regressive anti-abortion forces is completely hypocritical in view of its approval of the indiscriminate bombing of the North Vietnamese people. Certainly independently existing human beings (even though they may disagree with us) should be of greater significance under any religious concept than rejected fetuses otherwise destined to be born into an unreceptive milieu. Happily, even the conservatives on the court have recognized the inherent rights of the woman in these instances.

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It is my sincere hope that the Republican Party will not view its rather unusual victory as a mandate to continue its reactionary conservatism in these regards. My vote for Mr. Nixon was simply an endorsement of a competent executive as opposed to a relatively inexperienced idealist. I feel that (excepting Viet Nam) Mr. Nixon's foreign policy has been adroitly handled and his control of the fiscal situation at home has been good. Both of these aspects have rated prime importance, but they are not the whole job. Would that he and the Republican Party at large were as sensitive to the

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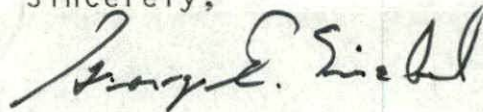
M. Stans

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January 26, 1973

temper of the times so far as domestic social action, education
and individual freedom are concerned!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George E. Siebel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "S".

George E. Siebel

GES/esa

Enclosure

cc: Senator Charles A. Percy

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Siefken, Stuart
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Watergate

July 31, 1973

Mr. Stuart B. Siefken
200 N. E. 164th Terrace
North Miami, Florida 33162

Dear Mr. Siefken:

This will acknowledge your letter and I appreciate receiving the benefit of your reactions to the Senate Committee investigating Watergate.

In view of your interest in this subject, I am taking the liberty of enclosing material emanating from our headquarters which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

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A.B.#



STUART B. SIEFKEN

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JUL 26 1973

200 N. E. 164th TERRACE
NO. MIAMI, FLA. 33162

PHONE: 949 - 6719

July 23, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush,

It is gratifying to realize that our President is coming out fighting - lets give them Hell as old Truman used to say -

Old "hangin' judge" Ervin and his clowns on the "watergate show" are fond of quoting the Bible - as they attempt to crucify the greatest President this country has ever had. I wonder if ole Sam and his lynch crowd ever heard in the Bible

"Judge not that Ye Be not Judged" and "Let Him that Hath not sinned cast the first stone"?

Some how I just can't see the watergate "silly" as a "High Crime Against God and Man" and a greater tragedy than the civil war - Wow - this guy has got to be chopped down

P.S. Please keep up the good work - Thanks (S.B.S.)

Simpson, Peggy
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Chm. Bush re Watergate

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Bush-Watergate 430

By PEGGY SIMPSON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON AP - Republican party chief George Bush said Thursday President Nixon "fully understands the Watergate problem" and "will clear it up totally."

In an interview, Bush declined to elaborate what he anticipated might be done, or when.

He also refused to say if he has talked directly with Nixon about the Watergate case but said he is assured his views have gotten through.

In speeches recently, Bush has labeled the break-in last year at Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Office Building a "grubby business," which gives all politics a bad name.

He has called for a thorough public disclosure of all facts in the case.

On Wednesday, Sen. Barry Goldwater, the GOP's presidential nominee in 1964, said Nixon should speak out about the Watergate matter.

In the interview, Bush said the Goldwater comment "carries a tremendous impact."

At the same time, Bush said, "if it was implied in the Goldwater statement that the President did not fully understand the problem, I would disagree with him."

"When President Nixon understands a problem," Bush continued, "it is a demonstrable fact that he acts . . . He takes courageous steps and I am confident that in this case he fully understands what's going on."

"There is a lot happening right now, in the courts and in other places," Bush said, declining to elaborate.

He said he has "total confidence in the President's integrity and in his ability to get this matter resolved."

He also disputed Goldwater's contention that the Watergate affair was hurting GOP fund-raising.

"It isn't hurting it," Bush said.

He said an isolated number of persons among the hundreds of thousands approached in the annual GOP sustaining mail drive have mentioned the Watergate as a reason for not donating.

"I've not talked to anybody who said they won't give because of Watergate," Bush said.

"Some people are telling us in our mail solicitation campaign 'I won't support the party until the matter is cleared up.' So far, that has not adversely affected our total sustaining fund drive."

In an interview late last week, Bush said the national concern over Watergate had escalated with disclosures of grand jury testimony allegedly linking White House aides to the break-in.

He said he was satisfied with Nixon's agreement to send his aides before the grand jury and to negotiate with a Senate investigating committee their possible appearance before Congress.

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Sims, W. A.
Watergate

May 25, 1973

Mr. W. A. Sims
8741 Crawford Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Sims:

My aide, Mr. AB Hermann, has advised me of his telephone conversation with you and brought to my attention the gist of your comments regarding the Watergate incident.

We were especially pleased to hear from a Southern Democrat. Comments such as yours cannot help but be a source of inspiration and encouragement to us.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some items emanating from our headquarters which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosures

bcc: Eleanor Oberwetter

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From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH

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MR W. A. ~~Sims~~
(504) 721-2435 Sims

Called in on Friday. He's
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Would you please call him?

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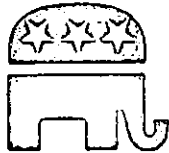
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George Bush

Enclosures

✓ bcc: Eleanor Oberwetter

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Singh, Surender
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Watergate

May 24, 1973

Professor Surender Singh
Political Science Department
The University of Wisconsin
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Dear Professor Singh:

Thank you for your letter of April 25 asking my views about the Watergate affair.

First, let me say that I in no way condone what has happened, and I am totally dismayed by this sordid matter. I have always felt deeply that public service is a proud and worthy field, and it was in that spirit that I first became involved in our political system as a worker at the local level. The great majority of public servants I have encountered are men and women of honor and integrity, and it hurts me deeply to see unworthy individuals, who have no respect for the law and for what is right, trample on the values I believe in so strongly. I believe that events such as these are not matters of partisan concern so much as matters for concern by all citizens -- the loser is our political system, and that is the major thing which distresses me.

From a less personal and more partisan standpoint, I feel that the Republican Party will not suffer permanent damage from the Watergate affair. We must keep in mind that the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-elect the President are two separate entities. I am convinced that only a handful of misguided individuals at the CRP are involved in wrong-doing, and that the great majority of CRP employees, the thousands of volunteers and the millions of voters who supported President Nixon are people of honesty and integrity who are appalled at what has happened. Further, I believe that the people who broke the law are the ones who will be punished, not those who are innocent. I have great faith that our criminal justice system will bring out the full truth and that the guilty will be convicted and the innocent cleared.

I am convinced that President Nixon had no prior knowledge of the Watergate bugging or related matters, nor did he know of the cover-up attempts that were made. I know he is doing everything in his power to bring out the truth and to support the judicial inquiries under way.



Professor Singh - 2.
May 28, 1973

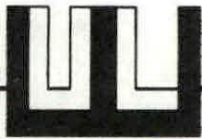
I hope this will answer some of the questions your students may be raising, and if you would like for me to elaborate further on any points, I will be glad to do so. I know that a great many people, young and old, are vitally concerned about what has happened and are questioning the entire system that would allow such abuses. But I think the most important thing to remember is that that same system has been responsible for bringing the wrong-doing to light and that the system is working.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/eo



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April 25, 1973

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Mr. George Bush
Chairman of Republican Party
Republican Party Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

As you know that Watergate issue has become one of the most important issues of 1972 election. My students are always asking questions on this issue. I shall be very grateful if you would kindly write me your point of view on this matter which should help me a great deal. It was nice to hear you on radio when you participated with Mr. R. Strauss, Chairman of Democratic Party.

With best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely,

Surender Singh, M.A., P.A., Ph.D.
Political Science Department

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*Sisk, Mrs. Ira
'8 Watergate
Letter to Sen Ervin*

July 3, 1973

Mrs. Ira Sisk
R. R. #2, P. O. Box #125
Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Dear Mrs. Sisk:

Thank you so much, Mrs. Sisk, for your letter of June 27. You certainly have a point - it seems to make a difference "who does what to whom."

On the other hand, we must know the truth, and I am confident that in the long run the Party will not be made to suffer unduly for the acts of a few misguided individuals.

I appreciate your sharing your letter to Senator Ervin with me, and again, it was good to hear from you.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:JJ



Thank

Mrs. Ira Sisk
R. R. #2, P.O. Box #125
Verona, Wisconsin 53593

June 27, 1973

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

Dear Sir,

I must admit that I cannot get all upset about Watergate. Bugging has been going on for years and the democrats have been doing a lot of it. They had a grand espionage operation going against Senator Goldwater in 1964, even to the planting of one of their people in his press corps. The very people who are frothing over Watergate considered it just good, clean fun when they were doing the same thing. It seems to depend on just who is doing the bugging. The democrats with the media for spokesmen are simply out "to get" President Nixon and their performance is disgraceful. They are like gleeful jackals yapping at his heels.

I think Mr. Gallup ^{should} stop taking polls - where, for heaven's sake, are those anonymous letters men who are gathering his statistics? I am seventy six years old and I have never been polled and I don't know anyone else who has. I firmly believe that Mr. Gallup goes where he knows he will get

No answers to waste.

I don't think that President Nixon or the Administration has lost credibility. The credibility gap is between the legal profession, judges + lawyers, and the decent American. These men are making heroes of the Ellsbergs, the Angela Davises, the Chicago 7s and the Berrigans - etc., etc.

I enclose a letter that I am reading today to Senator Sam Ervin - It may or may not interest you. As a member of the "silent majority" I had to speak out -

Good luck in 1974 -

Sincerely

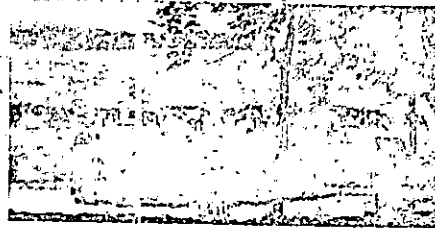
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VERONA,
WISCONSIN

June 23, 1973

Senator Sam Ervin,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

In writing this letter I find myself in a difficult position. My husband, Roscoe Sisk, is another Morganton boy who made good. We went to Morganton last April to see Rob Patton, my husband's cousin. Rob's mother and Roscoe's mother were sisters - both Spainhours. I have always shared my husband's admiration for you. We have always believed in your judgement and integrity and that you would always deal fairly and justly with any wrong-doing in government wherever you found it. But, today our faith in you has slipped.

First, Watergate: What is it more than the bugging of a democratic headquarters, which may very possibly be in the interest of national security? May that not be one of the reasons why Senator McGovern is unwilling to give his list of donors to your Democratic National Committee? I understand that the list has been subpoenaed, but I'm sure that any damaging information will have been removed. Is the Senate Committee not interested or concerned about subversion in our country?

So much for Watergate. You are certainly there. But, where were you in 1964 during the Goldwater campaign? At that time the democrats had a most elaborate espionage operation going in the Goldwater entourage. Senator Goldwater complained about it, but did you raise a whisper? Apparently there is a double standard and it just depends on who is doing the bugging. Today the people who are frothing over Watergate are the ones who considered that bugging on the part of the Democrats was just good, clean fun.

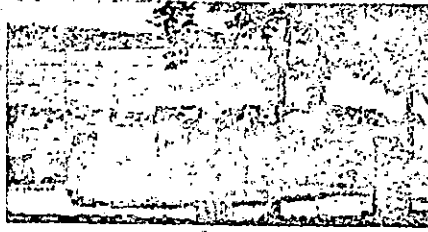
Why have so many democratic voting irregularities been ignored, not investigated, been covered up? For example, the late President Johnson's landslide victory of 87 votes when he first ran for Senate? At that time there were mysterious losses of ballots in some Texas counties. Again in 1960, where were you? Why were the presidential returns from Texas and Illinois

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not investigated. We had a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law and a daughter who were poll watchers in Cook County, Illinois. They told us of innumerable shocking breaches of voting laws. Perhaps John Kennedy should never have been sworn in as President.

The whole Daniel Ellsberg case has turned out to be a cover-up of his guilt. I understand that he has admitted that he stole the top-secret Pentagon Papers and then leaked them to the press. Doesn't that make him a security risk par excellence? What did any bugging have to do with his guilt? Why would any reputable judge throw this case out of court on such a technicality?

AND WHERE WERE YOU, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, DURING THE GREAST CHAPPAQUIDICK COVER-UP, THE ONE TO END ALL COVER-UPS?

So we have come to the conclusion that, after all, you are not one of America's great lawyers. As you said (and it may be true) during your questioning of Mr. Stans, you are just a home-town country lawyer, and, may I add, a partisan one.

Sincerely angry,

Irene Sisk

CC: Senator Goldwater
Senator Ed Gurney
Senator James Buckley
Mr. William Buckley, Jr.
And others

*Sleight, Arthur
&
Watergate*

July 26, 1973

Mr. Arthur J. Sleight
10908 Prospect, N. E.
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Mr. Sleight:

Thank you for your recent letter. I would agree that there is a good deal of hypocrisy about on the Watergate affair. Not being a lawyer it is hard for me to pass judgment on your suggestion about exercising executive and legislative restraint on the Supreme Court. I am passing your letter on to our research people here who I know will be interested in your views.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

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Phone 945-4511

5001 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD
Just North of Camelback Rd.

10 908 Prospect, N.E.
Albuquerque, N. Mex

Hon. George Bush, Chairman
Nat. Rep. Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Bush:

The threat to our political
system lies in the tyranny that
the Supreme Court exercises over
the lives, minds and fortunes
of Americans.



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The Constitution does not provide for judicial review.

Judicial review is the invention of our fourth Chief Justice, John Marshall.

President Nixon should refuse any "summons" from Senator Ervin's Committee.

If the Supreme Court should "order" the President to comply with any directive from the Ervin Committee I hope that



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III

the President indicates his
Contempt for such an "order" by
his silence.

Watergate is only a bruise
on the body politic.

Unless the Supreme Court
is placed under Congressional
and Executive restraint, it
should be obvious, that repre-
sentative government, in America,
is nothing but a bitter, hollow
mockery.



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This letter was occasioned by the sickening hypocrisy over Watergate on TV, radio and in the newspapers.

The Nixon administration will earn the gratitude of all Americans by moving to place the Supreme Court under Executive and Legislative restraint.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur J. Slight, Delegate
Nat. Dem. Con. '72

*Smiley, Nathan
8
Watergate*

May 17, 1973

Mr. Nathan Smiley
1528 West 224th Street
Torrance, California 90505

Dear Mr. Smiley:

I regret I was on tour when you called and therefore was unable to accept your personal phone call on May 14th to the Republican National Committee Headquarters. Mr. AB Hermann, my aide, brought to my attention the gist of your remarks regarding the Watergate incident. I do want you to know we are concerned also.

We appreciate very much your taking the time to call all the way from California to express your views and we are deeply grateful for your continued interest. Despite the problems, we hope you will continue your fine sense of dedication to our overall cause in the Republican Party.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Republican National Committee

To:

Date:

From:

Subject:

Mr. Blonde - Chicago

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Mr. Smiley W. 2245T
P. name

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