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Pine Bluff, Arkansas
September 5, 1973

Mr. George Busch
Republican National Committee
310 First Street SW
Washington, D. C.
20003

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Dear Mr. Busch:

This letter contains requests for some information which your committee should have on hand, then it also contains an approach to the Watergate problem which I believe should be used.

Question 1: How many of the Watergate senate committee signed that memorial or memoriam that was given John McCormick when he retired? Can you give me there names.

Question 2: Can you have your people give me a analysis of my contention: That the Congress (as it passed more and more "omnibus" laws, that gave wide, general powers to administrators) made more and more of these administrators either subject to civil service, appointment subject to confirmation; or the entire committee a holdover self-perpetuating committee.

I would like to have th percentage of appointees a President could actually make by years--say since 1932. It is my contention that a President today is surrounded by disloyal administrators who far from being "his" men, are concerned with making his administration a failure.

Here follows a short speech which I intend to give in various meetings, and which I believe is the best possibly refutation for Watergate.

I hope your men can dig up this research for me.

Respectfully,

Leland Smith

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Pine Bluff, Arkansas
71601

There is a myth being pushed today that goes: "Congress should have more power." And especially, since Nixon is a Republican, "the President has taken power away from Congress."

Nothing could be further from the TRUTH. The Truth is that Congress has given its power to hundreds of administrators by passing omnibus bills, and then has taken these administrators out of the command of the President to such an extent that today a motley group of faceless administrators make it impossible for a President to be a president.

Congress started this tragic trend about forty years ago. Instead of passing direct laws which gave the average citizen exact definition of what he could do and what he could not do, Congress started setting up administrators with broad omnibus powers to interpret, then re-interpret, to enforce or fail to enforce, to change the scope and even the intent of laws.

As a result, our income tax bill is shot through and through with such phrases as: "the administrator will accept"; "the administrator has ruled"; the agriculture bills have quotas on commodities that change overnight--not by Congressional action--but by the whims of bureau chiefs. Down through everything that effects our lives: labor, air service, highway, transportation, social security, ecology--you name it. Not truthful, honest laws that the average citizen could read and interpret for himself.

Does anyone believe that Congress passed a law making you go through all that safety rigmarole before you can start your car? Certainly not. Congress passed an omnibus bill that gave an administrator a power to make you do that. Does anybody believe that Congress passed a law making it illegal for you to buy acetic acid (vinegar) without a doctor's prescription? No; that's all some bureaucrat's edict because Congress passed a law that has no limits--for bureaucrats, that is.

Hitler? In this country? We should be so lucky. No we don't have one responsible, flesh and blood Hitler who at least is subject to the same flesh and blood feelings as you and I. Instead we have hundreds of faceless, unknown, unresponsive and unreachable Hitlers who have far, far more power over our lives than the real Hitler ever had over the citizens of Germany.

(There once was a time when an average citizen could write to a government bureau and get a reply. Today, outside of the important people, no bureau ever answers a letter.)

Leland Smith--

I realize of course that my "pointy-headed liberal" friends will be quick to point out that no government can really control the citizenry from the cradle to the grave if you pass only direct, understandable laws that give the average citizen's interpretation equal weight with the administrator's in a court of law. The liberal believes in a "rule of laws" when the administrator can use them like a rubber band to hog tie any citizen to a concept.

This is what happened to that LOST power the Congress is moaning about--that gave it away--not to the President--but to faceless bureaucrats.

It would have been less tragic had Congress given its power to the President. Something might have been recoverable. However, Congress wasn't willing to leave bad enough alone.

When it dawned upon Congress that all these Hitlerian bureaucrats they were setting up through their long list of will-o-the-wisp omnibus laws were under the appointment power of the President, they decided that that must not be.

Starting with the Post Masters (remember what a fine postal service we used to have when the new President appointed his own men who either produced or got out?) Congress put most of its new administrators under civil service. Now, they weren't under the control of the President. Congress breathed easier after that. The trouble is, they weren't under control of the Congress, either. Fact is, they didn't have any boss at all except Father Time.

Then Congress had a better idea. The few positions left to the President could be controlled. So they put things like the CIA and the FBI under a rule that made them appointive by the President, but with confirmation needed by Congress. So that made those departments owing loyalty to no one.

Then there was even another idea. Why not make things like the Labor Relations Board, the Communications Commission, the Civil Aviation Board, and other boards "independent"? The idea was of course to make them "independent" of the President, instead they became independent of everyone--except of course Father Time. Certainly they were independent of the citizens of the United States. If these boards changed at all, they changed only one or two at a time.

The result of all of this is that while Congress is proclaiming that it has no power, there is nothing to keep Congress from

reversing of flow of power to the bureaucracy. The "Monster" that frustrates Congress is not the President, but is the bureaucracy of its own making.

Even worse than the bogus, crocodile tears that Congress sheds for its lost virility, is the fact that the President of the United States can no longer be President. The greatest tragedy is that you and I can no longer change the course of our government when we elect a President.

The great benefit of Watergate is to show that President Nixon is surrounded by disloyal, arrogant employees of the executive part of the government. These men actually substitute their own sense of moral values for the President's--then brag about it at Watergate.

For the information of these people, the citizens of this nation reserve to themselves -- by the processes of election and impeachment--the power to judge the moral values of their President. In the meantime, the people of the United States expect the employees of the executive branch to either follow the orders of the President they elected or get themselves out of office.

If the people of the United States believe that the "plumbers" are on the same level with Bobby Baker and Billy Sol Estes and John McCormick, or if the Congress can't find enough solid evidence to start impeachment proceedings--in the meantime we expect the employees of the executive branch to keep on taking the orders they get from the man we elected to be President.

Right now we have a GAO office that is devoting its interests to painting a false picture of Nixon's expenditures for homes. We have an Internal Revenue department devoting its efforts--not to persecuting Democrats in a Republican administration--but to persecuting Republicans--and the vice president of the United States.

If the Congress wanted to do something to re-create responsible government, it would clear away the bureaucracy-handcuffs that now keep a President from functioning.

Watergate was created because a President of the United States wanted to find out if the Democratic party was being financed by the Soviets. Now I believe he has a right to do that. I

believe he has a right to call upon either the FBI or the CIA to get that information. But what happened? Neither agency chief loyally served his chief. Both bureau chiefs set their own moral values over the President's.

The results are obvious. Surrounded by bureaucrats who are not loyal, by bureaucrats who "leak" to the press information that the President felt could be left secret, Nixon did the only thing a President could do--he reached out for whatever help he could get in breaking out of the jail these bureaucrats had placed around him. He created the "plumbers". And for those who say: "He shouldn't have done that", I say: "Isn't it a shame that the FBI and CIA were so disloyal that he HAD to do that?"

Actually Watergate is NOT a fight between political parties. It is a frighteningly graphic example of what will happen to any President--Democrat or Republican who tries to cut the bureaucracy down. The Democrats have been the darling of the bureaucrats so far because they originated the "cradle to the grave" philosophy and the omnibus laws that gave the nation its thousands of Hitler-like administrators.

But if the Democrats seem to have everything to gain by Watergate, let them stop gloating and ask "for whom the bell tolls." It tolls for any people or any political party which dares to think that the election of a new President gives the nation a change of course.

The bureaucrats--not the people, control this nation. If you think otherwise--just look what they did to the man who was elected less than nine months ago by the biggest plurality in history.

Smith, Mary F.
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Watergate

May 30, 1973

Mrs. Mary F. Smith
6 Brook Lane
Westport, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of May 17. I would only ask that you read the attached statements. You will note that I am not trying to "underplay" it. I am trying to put things in their proper perspective. It is not the Party that did wrong through Watergate. I have been speaking out against Watergate for a long, long time, but I'm not going to let it bankrupt this Party, and I'm not going to let it put us on the defensive on the major issues of our time.

I note in your letter, Mrs. Smith, you say "you are innocent until proven guilty." That is exactly right and that is the way I am approaching the Watergate matter. It appears to me that you, at least in your mind, have convicted some of the people who have had their names in the papers.

Your letter gave me much food for thought. I agree with many of the points you make, but since you were frank with me I felt you would not object to my being frank with you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Atts.

GB/hc

6 Brook Lane
Westport, Conn.
May 17, 1973

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to vent my spleen about this Watergate affair. I think the way you are underplaying it is ridiculous. How admirable and refreshing to see Lowell Weicker acting and coming through as a truly honest man, trying to see that all the facts come out. Refreshing to say the least!!!! Even yesterday, I received a "Newsletter" from my representative, Stewart McKinney and imagine my surprise to find that there was not the scantiest mention of Watergate!!! "News indeed--that is the news these days."

I think your denials that Watergate is hurting the Republican Party are just unbelievable!!! Do you too believe that the citizens of this country like to be treated "like children" as Mr. Nixon says we do. Well, let me tell you something, Mr. Bush--I think too and I can draw my own conclusions from FACTS and right now the facts are that the Republican party is truly being hurt. Why don't you all admit that Mr. Nixon has to be involved in this thing----and if he wasn't he'd be as irresponsible as he is now because if a nothing-but-a-housewife such as I became alarmed and uneasy about Watergate's messiness and suspected a big, foul coverup over a year ago, why was not Nixon at least half as alarmed as I was--instead of looking at it as a "caper". The innuendoes that Hugh Scott, Barry Goldwater, Gurney and the rest of the Senators who proclaim every day "Of course the Democrats do it too" sound like a bunch of kindergarten kids accusing each other because the other got caught. If you have any real wrong doing on the part of the Democrats (and God knows you should have with all the bugging that went on) let's have it instead of this "they do it too so it's o. k. thing". You men are adult, knowledgeable men--we really are not CHILDREN as Nixon likes to think we are. You might all be surprised to learn that most of us are just as smart as you all are down there. Get to the bottom of this thing--and I mean really--with a neutral prosecutor (that means no one that is a Republican--are you afraid to let one of the law school professors or some other neutral person do the investigating? It certainly sounds it!!!

Nixon's speech on TV did not fool any one--he is in this thing up to his neck and you know it!! And another thing, Haldeman and Erlichman resigned so why are they still in our White House and riding around in OUR limosines? They are OURS you know. If they resigned, why are they still hanging around. I know that Nixon feels badly, according to what he told Mrs. Morton, because they ("His friends") are in trouble but so is he and he better start realizing it. I love this country too much to see it go the way of Hitler's Germany--and don't you dare call me a Communist!!! I am an American and proud of it and will suffer any thing to see Her honor unsullied!!! For four and a half years we have heard Agnew, and Nixon and Haldeman and the whole administration call us "un-American" if we disagreed with what they did and we are all sick of it. Never again will they dare to attack the press or the kids in college or the people who just happen to believe that tapping

the phones of decent people, just because they suspect they disagree with them, is most un-American! I watched Strom Thurmond yell at Muskie on TV yesterday, telling him he is unfit to be a Presidential Candidate---and was ashamed---because Muskie was right--you are innocent until proven guilty in our country, Mr. Bush. What in the world has happened to that part of our heritage. And who is Strom Thurmond to decide who is "fit" to be a Presidential candidate. Don't the Democrats still decide that!???

Let's have some honesty down there, Mr. Bush--something that has been sadly lacking for the past 4½ years. We truly will survive this scandal and blot on the history of our country but not unless we get a few more people like Mr. Weicker, who, no matter what party he belongs to, wants TRUTH and he does not only SAY so but acts so.

The very fact that Nixon says Percy will never be President if he has anything to say about it makes me want to start a "Percey for President fund" (but a legitimate one of course).

I feel I speak for a lot of honest, hard working people Mr. Bush--so maybe you all better start LISTENING for a while.

Very truly yours,



Mary F. Smith

CC: L. Weicker
C. Percy
S. Thurmond
H. Scott
B. Goldwater
Rep. Gurney
E. Muskie
S. Agnew
R. Nixon
S. McKinney

Smith, Ormonde Jr.
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Watergate

April 3, 1973

Mr. Ormonde Smith, Jr.
4101 San Jacinto
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Ormonde:

Thank you for your letter of March 29. No one would like to see Watergate cleared up more than I. I don't like it and I have spoken out openly and publicly against it. I want to see the matter cleaned up and cleaned up promptly. The confusion has gotten so high at this point that many innocent people are being smeared. I am glad to know your concern on this matter. Believe me, I share it. I am convinced that the President has nothing personally to hide. He has said that his people would answer all written inquiries from the Ervin Committee, he has ordered his people to appear before the Grand Jury, and he is trying to work out some ground rules under which executive privilege can be waived for the White House people to appear before the Ervin Committee. This certainly shows cooperation, but, again, I agree the whole matter must be cleared up. Thanks for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc



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Mr George Bush
Republican National Committee
Washington

George, as a former constituent, supporter and acquaintance I thought of your access to the President as I read this morning's Wall St. Journal and decided to drop you a line.

The President really should realize that his trying to keep the Watergate thing under the rug is rapidly destroying his credibility everywhere and that he ought to clean up the White House end of it if he has to fire every person who had a hand in it.

About the only sin involved as far as I am concerned is failing to face the facts and the original ^{& continuing} poor judgment (our)

~~exercised.~~

For you to be effective in your job and for all of us Republicans to look each other and our Democratic friends in the eye Watergate has to be removed from the scene.

Best personal wishes to you & your family

Comrade Smith L

Snyder, Dr. Merle
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Watergate letter

July 11, 1973

Dr. Merle B. Snyder
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Chewelah, Washington 99109

Dear Dr. Snyder:

Thanks for your further letter and for sending
along those clippings.

Things have been hectic here, but I believe the
President of the United States and I think
subsequent testimony will back me up.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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MERLE B. SNYDER, M. D.
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CHEWELAH, WASHINGTON 99109

July 7-1973

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

Dear Mr. Chairman -

Enclosed find clippings from the
Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, one
from a Democrat damning & condemning Republi-
can security and the other my reply. It
created much interest in this area with many
favorable replies to my remarks.

I thought your publication might
want to use it but perhaps it is "too hot to
handle"! If our Republican Party and this
Nation are to survive the vicious, unfounded
attacks by irresponsible Democrats we are
going to have to fight back and stand up
and be counted and start calling a spade a
spade. Let's get on the offensive!

Sincerely yours,

Merle B. Snyder, M.D.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spokesman-Review Forum

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Security

The questioning of, and more specifically, the answers provided by — Bernard Barker, convicted Watergate burglar, should have made all of us recall the Nuremberg War-crimes Trial.

This man employed as his sole justification for his criminal activities, precisely the same reason as did the earlier Nazi war criminals. Namely, blind obedience to the leader. Done, of course, under the pretext of national security.

Bit by bit a pattern of defense is beginning to emerge from this administration as to why all of the clandestine operations were perpetrated. Our national security, Nixon says, is more important than the people's right to know. Hence, we must have secrecy. Consequently, it is necessary for this type administration, thinking as they do, to hire and use storm-troopers, and gestapo agents like Barker. Men, who through either ignorance or misguided loyalty, will blindly

follow their Fuehrer to whatever ends he directs. Right, honor, justice, and morality are only as their leaders see them. Man does not think, he obeys.

It was not simply pure fortune that our President gave his most vehement speech on the need for national security and secrecy to a group of returned war prisoners. Where would he find a better captive audience, who, because of the very nature of their calling, would be more receptive to this kind of reasoning.

As an American and a Democrat, I just will not buy the idea that my party is such a threat to national security that we must be watched and spied upon by agents of the Nixon administration.

I truly wonder WHO should be watched!

DOUG DAY.

W3309 Kiernan.

Sympathy

I'm beginning to have a definite twinge of sympathy for the wire tappers in the Watergate affair. After listening to the Watergate hearing over TV the testimony indicates they were merely keeping check on the radicals, Communists and other assorted subversives. What better place to do this than McGovern's headquarters or the Democratic headquarters?

BILLIE ALEXANDER.

Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Being through in Vietnam isn't, of course, the same thing as being through with Vietnam.

May 31-1972

Corruption

Re Doug Day's Forum letter, "Security," published May 31, — what a laugh! His party, the Democrats, are past masters of deceit, graft, malfeasance and corruption, both inside and outside of government. They begin where the Republicans leave off!

Day is either uninformed or has a short memory as to the shady activities of his party, beginning with the fiasco at Yalta when Roosevelt sold this country down the river to the Russians despite the advice of Churchill and lost the peace! And Truman's handling of the Potsdam affair that allowed Russia to encircle Berlin and his tragic error at the Yalu Bridge and the untimely dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur.

And what about Tammany Hall in New York? And Daley's "Chicago Empire" and the vote fraud perpetrated there and likewise in the State of Texas in the 1960 election that stole the Presidency from Richard Nixon

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Forum

Bo See the and handed it to John F. Kennedy on a silver platter? And what Little about the "Bay of Pigs" disaster much when his party reneged on its Fren commitment at the last minute Je costing the lives of many free- of dom-seeking Cubans who were stry trying to recapture their home- and from Castro and the Com- munists? And what about Ellis- berg, a self-confessed thief, who- Peop comp from tole the Pentagon Papers? And

See Day thinks his Democrat party b's not a threat to national securi- ry and does not need to be spied PH upon! There are a lot of good Americans, Democrats and Republicans, who will not agree with him.

His comparison of Bernard Barker with the Nazi war criminals and murderers is totally false and incorrect. A poor analogy. Barker was and is an honest, dedicated, freedom-loving man, bent on helping his countrymen gain their freedom from the Communist oppression of Castro. Although he and his colleagues did not find what they were looking for in the Ellsberg case and at the Watergate Hotel, they had good reason to expect they would. Political espionage, yes — murders and criminals, no!

One more thought — if the Republicans had controlled Congress during the 40s, 50s and 60s, the misdoings aforementioned would have been investigated. The Democrats were in control and nothing happened. How come? The same situation applies to the Ellsberg and Watergate cases. Now that a few overzealous Republicans have been caught in a stupid mishandling of political espionage, the Democrats who control Congress are bent on trying to destroy the Republican party and indirectly, the future of this country. But it won't succeed! If their present course and format continue, they may end up on the short end when all the facts are known.

In the meantime, Mr. Day should remember the old adage — "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones!"

MERLE B. SNYDER, M.D.
Chewelah, Wash.

March 21, 1973

Sorg, Mrs. Donald
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Watergate

Mrs. Donald R. Sorg
3229 Calle Rosales
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Dear Mrs. Sorg:

Thank you for your letter of March 12. All things are relative.

In Washington when we have a press conference the only question that is asked is Watergate. At press conferences outside of Washington Watergate is mentioned from time to time, but not as often as it is in Washington. As for the connotations of Watergate I don't like it. I've said so publicly and I'll say so here again. I believe in politics. I think it is a lot better than most people feel it is. I served in the House and while I was at the United Nations I was in a very unique position to compare systems. I came back into politics to try to elevate the process, as well as to try to build this party. I am not covering up for Watergate in any way, nor for other grubby incidents that take place on one side or the other of the political process. I do appreciate your taking the time to write.

Yours very truly,

George Bush


GB/hc

3229 Calle Rosales
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105
March 12, 1973

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

Mr. Bush:

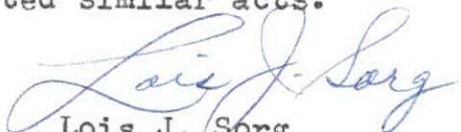
A brief notice in the March 12, 1973, Santa Barbara News-Press notes that you believe "there is little public interest in the affair outside Washington." "The affair" referred to is the Watergate scandal.

I don't know what you consider "little public interest," and I don't know how thoroughly you have surveyed the citizens of the United States for their interest in the Watergate scandal.

But I want you to know that those of us outside Washington, who are governed by those in Washington, are more concerned than you evidently imagine about the Watergate scandal and any other scandal government might be involved in.

The Watergate incident indicates that the Republican party had so little faith in its ability to communicate its principles in such a way as to convince voters to support it legally, that it must resort to unlawful action. Pathetic and frightening.

And no, I wouldn't approve if the Democratic party had committed similar acts.


Lois J. Sorg
(Mrs. Donald R. Sorg)

*Dear, Hon. Arthur J.
Thanks for efforts pro
President to table
anti Watergate bill
per Boyce, James*

July 10, 1973

The Honorable Arthur Sour, Jr.
637 Montgomery Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

Dear Mr. Sour:

Louisiana State Chairman James Boyce has brought to my attention your efforts in behalf of the President to successfully table an anti-Watergate bill.

In my travels around the country the Watergate is always a major topic and I have found that some of our politicians are quick to condemn before all the facts are presented.

I can speak for the President in thanking you for your support at a time when criticism is at its peak. Please feel free to call upon me or the Republican National Committee if we can be of assistance to you in performing your duties for the people of Louisiana.

Sincerely

George Bush

cc: GB jw
bcc: Tom Lias
Dick Thaxton



Republican National Committee.

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June 13, 1973

Mr. Richard R. Thaxton
Director of State Services
Republican National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Dick:

Recently one of our Democrat State Legislators who will probably run against David Treen, our only Republican Representative, introduced a bill in the State Legislature which would censure the President for his involvement in the Watergate affair.

Mr. Arthur Sour, Jr. of 637 Montgomery St., Shreveport, Louisiana 71107, was successful in having this motion tabled as per the attached news account from the MORNING ADVOCATE of June 13, 1973.

I personally believe that Mr. Sour would appreciate acknowledgment of his successful efforts by the President.

Sincerely yours,


James H. Boyce, Chairman
Republican Party of Louisiana

JHB:bc

State House Tables Bill On Watergate

Rep. Charles Grisbaum of Attierie tried again Tuesday to pass his anti-Watergate bill, one of the four republicans in the Louisiana House, Rep. Arthur Sour of Shreveport, got the measure tabled on a 48-28 vote.

Grisbaum's proposal was the house to request the state congressional delegation to call for a complete disclosure of President Nixon of all facts surrounding the Watergate scandal.

Grisbaum said the Watergate affair gives politicians a bad name.

"It could take our reputation and put us all in that great gladbag of those typical politicians," he said.

Sour said the president had done the country a lot of good since he took office, and there was "not a shred of evidence" of Nixon's prior knowledge of the Watergate break-in.

"Let's wait, gentlemen, until after the trial, until it's been settled in our courts of law, one way or the other, before we cast judgment on the president," Sour said.

Grisbaum had tried to bring the resolution before the house on Sunday, but failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

Speed, Ron K
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Re Watergate -
Pres Ripon & RNC

May 3, 1973

Mr. Ron K. Speed, National President
The Ripon Society
2701 Fourth Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Ron:

It's always good to see you. Thanks for sticking your head in the other day.

I have read your Release dated April 29. You asked for my views on it. Here they are.

Certainly if the special prosecutor so requests, the RNC would make its files available, but in making this request, in my opinion you suggest that the RNC was involved. As you know, I was not here. I was up at the UN, but I know of no one who was directly or indirectly involved, and now through this paragraph you drag the RNC into the matter. I am sure you didn't intend it this way, but since you asked for my opinion, I wanted you to know I am doing my level best to keep the RNC separate from Watergate. I don't see why the Ripon Society apparently feels the RNC should be investigated by the special prosecutor.

As to the dissolution of CRP, I wish it could happen, but here you leave out the National Committee in your suggestion as to how these funds should be used. I am disappointed in this. Again, it seems to me that by omission in this instance you are suggesting that there is something wrong with the RNC.

 I have tried, Ron, to make my position very clear on Watergate. I have spoken out against it, and I want to keep the Party separate in the minds of the people. There are many positive things happening in this country which are beneficial to the Republican Party. We have

Mr. Ron K. Speed

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May 4, 1973

had successful events all across the country and will continue to do so -
Watergate notwithstanding.

My comment on your last paragraph stating that the President's "Failure to follow this course of action could lead the American people to conclude that the President not only has something to hide..." is that the President has moved forcefully in the direction he thought best. Ron, I simply do not feel your conclusion is a fair one.

On the more positive side, I do appreciate your suggestions about trying to get Party people involved in government. This is what we are trying to do here and we are expanding our State Services Division. I still continue to feel that "Republicans attacking Republicans" is not a good formula for victory.

I send this to you only because you asked whether I had read your Release, and because I feel I can speak in candor and I know you will judge my comments without rancor. Tell me if I'm wrong.

Warm personal regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:jj



Chairman -

*Ron Speed 2
Ripon left this for you
Tom*

The Ripon Society

...a call to excellence in leadership

CONTACT: RON K. SPEED, NATIONAL PRESIDENT (202) 737-6060
FOR RELEASE: 9:00 pm, April 29, 1973

*They are concerned
that you know they want
to be very supportive to
RNC*

"PRESIDENT NOT ABOVE LAW" RIPON SOCIETY ASSERTS
ASKS CRP FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED TO STATE GOP'S

(New York City, April 29, 1973) The Ripon Society today called upon Richard Nixon to take specific actions to demonstrate publicly "that the President is fully within the reach of the law."

The progressive Republican research and policy organization, which endorsed the candidacy of Richard Nixon in 1968 and 1972, said that "the Nixon Administration's philosophy toward Watergate has betrayed the trust of those Americans who supported the President relying upon his original assurances that there was no White House complicity."

After a three-day session, the members of the Ripon Society's National governing Board unanimously called upon President Nixon "to restore full public confidence in the office of the Presidency by taking six specific steps."

Among the Society's recommendations to the President are the appointment of a Special Prosecutor, full personal disclosure of information, and the dissolution of the Committee-to-Reelect the President with its remaining net assets to be returned to the State GOP Committees. "This money must no longer be directed to pay for lawyers, limousines, and the livelihood of those implicated in Watergate or its cover-up."

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Tom
Discusses

"We believe that there is a crisis of confidence in the Administration and that it has been compounded by the President's failure to act decisively in this matter. He must act to preserve the Office of the President from further damage. Failure to act could result in even more serious domestic and international consequences," the Society's National Governing Board stated.

"Therefore, we urge the President to take immediately the following steps:

- 1) Appoint a special prosecutor with plenary responsibility for all necessary legal proceedings. The person selected must be of the highest integrity and ability, one who would not receive particular political or personal benefit from the assignment.
- 2) Cooperate fully and personally with the Special Prosecutor in all proceedings, furnishing all information necessary for full disclosure.
- 3) Guarantee that all files of federal agencies, the Committee to Reelect the President, and the Republican National Committee be made available to the special prosecutor.
- 4) Acknowledge the constructive and proper role that the news media has played in bringing to the attention of the American people the facts in the Watergate case.
- 5) Order the Justice Department to prosecute promptly and fully all violations of the campaign spending laws by the Committee to Re-elect the President - including alleged violations referred to the Department by the General Accounting Office and those unearthed by any grand juries.
- 6) Insure that the Committee for the Re-election is promptly dissolved and that its remaining net assets are distributed to the Republican State Committees. These funds were entrusted to the Committee by thousands of Americans for the re-election of the President and for building the Republican Party. This money must no longer be directed to pay for lawyers, limousines and livelihoods of those implicated in Watergate or its cover-up.

Ron Speed
President

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The Society concluded, "Failure to follow this course of action could lead the American people to conclude that the President not only has something to hide, but also places personal power above the integrity of the Office and the good of the nation."

Spence, William
8
Watergate

May 4, 1973

William C. Spence
3805 West Alabama
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Bill:

I do want to acknowledge your very nice note. I very much appreciate your words of encouragement.

Needless to say, I am speaking out strongly to get this matter cleared up and soon. I know the President feels the same way, and I'm confident our criminal justice system will bring the whole matter out in the open.

Thanks for writing.

Warm regards.

Yours Very Truly,

George Bush

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WILLIAM C. SPENCE
3805 WEST ALABAMA AVENUE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

April 27, 1973

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

*nice
note*

Dear George:

I know you are doing all you can to root out all the Watergate offenders and those, if any, who accepted big campaign donations as bribes. Judging my own feeling, you must be angry and disillusioned at the stories unfolding daily of mickey-mousing in high Republican circles and failure of the President to have discovered it early and dealt decisively with it.

You will have the support and gratitude of many rank-and-file Republicans in any pressure you can bring to bear to get this mess out in the open and justice done, so that government and people can work on the gut problems we should be spending all our time on.

No acknowledgment is needed. Best wishes for happier days in your present job.

Sincerely,

Bill

Spencer, Arthur E
8
Watergate

May 29, 1973

Mr. Arthur E. Spencer
Otter Lake
Michigan 48464

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thank you very much for your recent card expressing your view that I am trying to "whitewash" the Watergate incident.

I have spoken out on the Watergate incident from the very beginning, strongly against it, calling for it to be cleaned up, etc. The people who care the most, in my opinion, are those of us who have worked hard in the party for a long time. We believe in the system and we don't want to see it downgraded by the infidelity of a few. Enclosed are some statements I've made on this matter.

I have given you an honest reply, and I hope you will receive it as such. Thank you again for sending along your views. Your frankness is appreciated and will always be welcome.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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George Bush Chm. Republican Party
Washington, D.C.

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May 4 - 1973

Chm Bush - Anthony E Spener
Dear Sir - Old Lake Mich

Has any one told you and you
seem to need to Be TOLD that
It appears you are Trying to
WHITE WASH the Watergate.
"It can't be Done" Anth E Spener

Spiewak, Arnold J.
8 Watergate
Lodge, Henry Cabot
as prosecutor

May 21, 1973

Mr. Arnold J. Spiewak
1 Cleaves Street
Rockport, Massachusetts 01966

Dear Mr. Spiewak:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to
the President.

I certainly concur with the high regard you indicate
for Henry Cabot Lodge, and I know the President
will share this sentiment. However, the appointment
of the government prosecutor in this matter was made
by Secretary Richardson, and I am confident that
Archibald Cox, whom he appointed, will do an out-
standing and impartial job.

Thanks for your suggestion and for taking the time
to write.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

 GB/eo

Copy to:
Republican National Chairman

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May 2, 1973
1:00 PM

Mr. Arnold J. Spiewak
1 Cleaves St.
Rockport, Massachusetts 01966

MAY 4 1973

Dear Mr. President:

In light of recent developments concerning the Watergate affair in the 1972 election process, I personally feel influential Republicans should prevail upon the great Henry Cabot Lodge to mediate this dispute. His soaring, impeccable record as a state legislator, United States Senator and United Nations delegate; not to mention his service as a military officer in World War II and as ambassador to South Viet-Nam make him uniquely, consummately qualified to lead us "out of the woods" in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Arnold J. Spiewak
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Copy to:
Republican National Chairman ←
Gloucester Daily Times

AJS:as

*Steinmeyer Dolores
8
Watergate*

May 22, 1973

Mrs. Dolores C. Steinmeyer
10701 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Steinmeyer:

I appreciated your letter of April 23rd and hope you will forgive the delay in my reply. We have been inundated with mail and sometimes it is difficult to reply as soon as we would like.

The points made in your letter were well taken. You are right when you say that the media has focused a great deal of attention on the Watergate. We have been trying through endless speeches, many public appearances and newspaper articles to be sure that the many, many positive accomplishments of the Administration and the Party are not obscured by the Watergate affair and the infidelity of a few who neither served the President nor our country well. It is not every time that we are heard, but we are making progress and will continue our efforts.

This is a good time for re-evaluation and constructive change for not only our American political parties but for the American system as well. I believe if we all stay in there working our great American system as well as our Party will be strengthened as a result of this incident, and both will serve the American people even better than they have in the past.

Thank you for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

gb/mj

Dolores C. Steinmeyer
10701- Wilshire Blvd,
Los Angeles, Calif,

April 23, 1973,

Dear Mr Bush,

Last night on N,B,C. Robert K, Dornan, (who ran for Mayor, and was one of 5 or 6, who ran) was on T,V, questioned by Joseph Benti, on the 11 Oclock evening news, and he said, you people talk about water gate and give it so much coverage, why didnt you bring out the Ted Kennedys lies whom you all covered up for him, this is not fair, when the News media goes on and on about the watergate, he said, what about the way you treated goldwater? you and the news media did not do any thing about that? and now all you do is go against this administration ect.

Now then, I for some time have said, that we need new Laws, and Codes of Ethics. Theres too many Democrats, like termites out of no whweres who get on T.V. and make a Newsmaker, and also the way the News media picks up Democrats who say, absolutely nothing, --and on things that were laws and passed years ago. So what else is New?

We need people in your Office and in your Possition to get up and talk. (Such as we have had such nonsense from the News Media, They give Sen. Cranston daily publicity, to keep him in the public eye, but no Republican, can get that kind of exposure. Yes, and Keep watching, how (Sen Tunney who is the most disliked) Tunney comes up to San Francisco where the Democrats give him time, C,B,S, of course, on the cutting down of Millitary bases, and says nothing worth while and makes it look like hes helping the Citizens? Republicans dont respond, or say Inflation, and ect is the Reason. Some ought to come out and respond, and defend our Presiden. -- You perhaps can get someone to make a newsmaker, we have so may who can explain, that the people are behind the President to cut down and stop spending the tax, payers money. -- Also that the mails which comes in says so. (I only heard one Newsman say only once, that the mail was for the President)

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10701 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

PS Excuse my typing
I am not a typist - I am
mainly a typist and
very busy person.

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*Steinmeyer Hugo
& Watergate
Letter to Judge Sirica*

July 6, 1973

Mr. Hugo A. Steinmeyer
650 South Spring Street #1217
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear Mr. Steinmeyer:

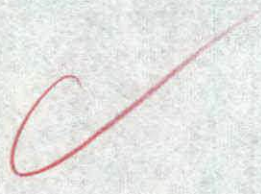
Thank you for your letter of June 26 and for sending the copies of your letter to Judge Sirica. I very much appreciate your taking the time to share your views on this matter with me.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO



HUGO A. STEINMEYER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
650 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA
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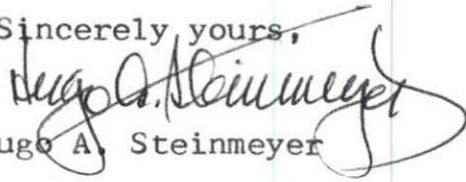
Mr. George Bush
Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Enclosed for your information are 2 copies of a letter that I mailed about the first of June. The original of the letter was on my office stationary as above and signed by me. As I am not seeking any personal publicity I left my name off of the copies but I would not deny sending it.

You are free to use the letter in any way that you may see fit or to use any ideas expressed or suggested by it that you might find helpful.

Sincerely yours,


Hugo A. Steinmeyer

May 25, 1973

Honorable John J. Sirica
Chief Judge
United States District Court
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Sirica:

The liberal press and media and the Democrat Party have made a hero of you for singlehandedly breaking open the "breakin" at Watergate. I suppose that only time will tell whether you are a hero or a vindictive prosecutor who has pursued this for your own satisfaction.

You should pause and look back at your conduct in this affair. You are a Federal Judge, charged with the duty of upholding the law and administering justice fairly and impartially. Seven men were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for the breaking and entering into the office of the Democrat Party and brought to trial before you. During the trial, not satisfied with hearing the evidence presented by the prosecutor as to the guilt of the defendants, you sought to usurp the function of a Grand Jury and the prosecutor and seek evidence of crimes of other persons who were not on trial. This conduct in itself prevented you from being an impartial judge of the defendants who were before you.

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The sentencing of Liddy was in itself a gross miscarriage of justice, and evidence of your prejudiced conduct of the trial in this case. But it was much more than that. It was part and parcel of your planned extortion of the other defendants to further the purposes of your one man grand jury and prosecutor. It may shock you to hear someone suggest that a Judge, merely seeking for the truth, could be guilty of extortion. But you should look again at the law. Extortion is the attempt to obtain something from a person by force or undue or illegal power or ingenuity.

These seven defendants were all guilty of the same crime. There was only one trial. But you sentenced Liddy to prison for a term of 6 to 20 years and then said to the other defendants, either directly or by necessary implication, in effect, "If you don't talk and implicate other people and possibly other crimes you will get the same as Liddy - if you do talk you may get a lighter sentence." This was extortion pure and simple. It is even more reprehensible when committed by a judge sworn to administer the law fairly and impartially.

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Respectfully,

Stephens, Mrs Marie
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Watergate

May 8, 1973

Mrs. Marie Stephens
4385 Redwood
Beaumont, Texas 77703

Dear Mrs. Stephens:

I was very pleased to get your thoughtful letter. You are right. The President has made a marvelous record and I hate to see it messed up by the ugliness of Watergate. There is no question that it's being fanned and whipped by the media, but there also is no question that there has been some cover-up, and that certain people have violated a high trust. I want to see it cleared up and I don't want to see the positive record of the President obscured. The Republican Party is doing great. We are still winning mayoralty and Congressional elections.

I'm not going to let our positive record be obscured by Watergate. Thanks for a good letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc



4385 Robert
Bennett, Jr.
77703

Mr. Long Beach
Chairman Republican Party

Dear Mr. Buck:

What in the world are you in Republican
headquarters doing to shut the mouth of the
press? Radio and press, who are doing nothing
but trying to spite Buckshot (Hahn), because he
has been accurate since in office -

I say the Washington affair was quaddy and
you say, also tricky, but I'm sure the Democrats
have done worse and politics are never right.
I don't remember the great TV in Democracy or
Republicans making a big wave of today.
Kennedy's big party and campaign give dying
Republicans - while he left her in the air - the
Republicans were decent. But believe me this
Washington move needs to be stopped now and
I do hope the party will come forward and
I hope I never hear the name Washington and

make a mistake again. But in fact, I do
think the Republican's could shut up
the dirty mouth of New Britain, that man
and that bunch of their quacking who are
what are they making people think what
their opinion is, as President Wilson to feel
think it is time for President Wilson to feel
the American people with this word. I mean
it has done more for this word credit for
President Wilson and his given no credit for
it, because of the people do not have sense enough
to know they are lying - I am hearing
as angry with you + me with this - and you know
what I wanted like the devil for President Wilson,
John Brown and for you for Senator, but I
I am as disgusted with you, that you men have let
this thing go in and on and on, that I
question our ability to the worthy of supporting

Respect yours -
Please do something!
Sincerely,
your man Stephen

Stevens, Rev. John F.
8
Watergate

April 3, 1973

The Rev. John F. Stevens
Executive Council of the
Episcopal Church
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear John:

Perhaps you have noticed in the press that I share your view about Watergate. It has to be cleared up. It is a grubby business. I am in politics because I believe in our system. The connotations of Watergate cast a cloud on the system. I appreciate the concern that caused you to write me that letter and I just wanted you to know that I have publicly stated the same view. Perhaps not as eloquently, but hopefully with as much fervor. I like this new job very much, but I must say I miss the UN and the fascinating relationships there. Hope all is well with you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc





EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH

815 SECOND AVENUE/NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017/(212) 867-8400
Cable Address: FENALONG, N.Y.

The Rev. John F. Stevens,
Secretary and Administrative Officer

APR 2 1973

March 30, 1973

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

Dear George,

I take the liberty of intruding on a busy life because of your deep concern for the integrity of the political system. Perhaps you can help people in authority understand what is happening to public confidence because of the "Watergate Affair."

So far as an informed person is able to perceive, and with due regard for the fact that much of the "evidence" is hearsay, gossip or suspicion, it seems clear that the White House staff had a significant part of what happened. I am not suggesting that the President was involved. There is no evidence I know to support that suspicion. Furthermore, I can't imagine the President being consulted about what was, after all, a operation peripheral even to his reelection. I am deeply concerned that he seems to be giving no support to finding out how high on his staff the plot went.

I supported General Eisenhower in 1952, not because I thought he was the best man - I didn't and don't - but because twenty years of unchallenged power had made corruption a way of life in a Democratic administration. His "clean as a hound's tooth" remark offended me because it seemed to judge Mr. Nixon without proof. I applauded the moral fervor it expressed and, as President, he did much

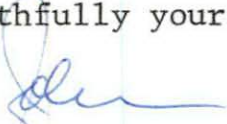
Mr. George Bush
March 30, 1973
Page two

to restore honesty in Washington. We need some of that fervor from Mr. Nixon.

There is great temptation to make this a partisan matter and many have done so. The terrible fact is that it might as well have been Democrats and represents a general deterioration in and cynicism about democratic institutions. That is the seed bed for destructive, irrational change. It must be countered and only the President can do so. Please, quietly and privately, use your influence to this end.

With warmest personal wishes.

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. John F. Stevens
Secretary

JFS:sr

*Stewart Buddy
&
Watergate*

July 6, 1973

Mr. Buddy Stewart
Deputy Circuit Court Clerk
Brownsville, Kentucky 42210

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of June 19 about Watergate. I really appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me.

I think the sentiment you're finding in your area is pretty much representative of the feeling around the country about Watergate. Deplorable as it is, most people realize it's not the end of the world, that only a few misguided individuals broke the law, that our political system will not be the loser in the long run. The Republican Party and the President have a lot to be proud of, and Watergate shouldn't be allowed to obscure all the positive things that have happened.

I can sympathize with you on patronage matters. Having come from a Democratic state, Texas, I know how hard it is to have any input into political jobs. The Republican National Committee has a State Services Division which works to recruit qualified people for federal jobs. Most of these positions are in Washington, but there are some that come up from time to time in the regional offices around the country. If you think this division could be of assistance, you should contact our State Services Director, Dick Thaxton, at this address.

Thanks again for your good letter. I'm delighted to hear that Watergate is not having an adverse effect on the Party in your area, and I'm confident that when it's all over, the Republican Party will continue to be strong.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/EO

ANN STEWART
Clerk, Edmonson Circuit Court
BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY 42210

June 19, 1973

R2
JUN 29 REC'D

Mr. Chairman
Republican National Committee
Washington D.C.

Mr. Chairman:

Can I give you a rural Kentucky report on Watergate and the feeling of Country Republicans, this is who I deal with and know about as well this is who I am a Rural Kentucky Republican.

This appears to be the most publicized flat nothing that we as country people have ever seen, it has no influence or matters none what soever to the average citizen in this County. The Democrats in this County appear to be sick of listening to the news and the Republicans only feel that President Nixon surrounded himself with a lot of power hungry young fellows, that first did not have the people at heart nor did they have Mr. Nixon or the Republicans at heart. Power appears to be a very dangerous thing without loyalty, in general the average voter in this country town and county cannot understand why or how that our party can build or even stay strong if all the loyal party people are left out of all policy making, and decisions that are made. Is there any way that we as grass root party people can have heart enough to work and stay involved within the party if such unloyal fellows as the crew that Mr. Hunt had in the Committee to Re-elect the President. This is a very sad thing to contribute money time and then realize that Republicans on that level could care less about Republicans or their Candidates.

Mr. Chairman is there any way that Patronage can be instituted in this administration, at least give us on the grass root level a chance to be a part of what we worked for and I firmly believe deserve.

Mr. Chairman please give our County chairman a chance to be something and give our State chairman something to help the loyal people that we can always count on, party loyals are getting scarce and you must be aware of this, Patronage in this State is dominated by Democrats and I can get verification of this from, County chairman, District Chairman and State Chairman, We as party people feel sorry for these fellows with a title and voice.

I would appreciate a reply if possible, if not thanks for your time and trouble anyway.

ALWAYS LOYAL AND REP. FRIEND


BUDDY STEWART
DEPUTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
BROWNSVILLE, KY. 42210

*Stine, Clifford E.
8
Watergate*

June 4, 1973

Dear Mr. Stine:

Thank you for your letter of May 22. I've enclosed a copy of the May 14 MONDAY with an inside cover article about the Watergate mess.

I can assure you, Mr. Stine, that I'm speaking out at every opportunity about this situation. I believe the President has done everything he can to clear this matter up, and that it cannot be allowed to obscure the great accomplishments of the Administration. I have enclosed several other items about the Watergate mess, which I hope will be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. Clifford E. Stine
7401 Agnew Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90045

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Enclosures



C. F. STINE

MAY 22, 1973

MR. GEO. BUSH :-
FLD

FIRST MONDAY-
CONTENT OF MAY
1973 ISSUE

MAY 24 REC'D

DEAR MR. BUSH,
THE MAY 1973 ISSUE OF
"FIRST MONDAY" SEEMED TO MISS
THE ONLY ISSUE OF MAJOR
IMPORTANCE TO MOST AMERICANS
AT THIS TIME I.E. "WATERGATE"
IT APPEARS TO BE WRITTEN
(c) IN ANOTHER EXA'OR TO
TO BE VERY NAIVE.

MAY I SUGGEST THAT
YOU HIT THE MAJOR ISSUE
HEAD ON. THE INTEGRITY
OF MR. NIXON, AND THE REAL
GOALS OF OUR PARTY.

C. E. STINE

IN SUMMARY, I CHARGE
YOU WITH REPORTING THE
FACTS, AND TO DISPEL
THE CREDIBILITY GAP NOW
FACING OUR PARTY AND
PEOPLE.

WITH SUPPORT AND
CONTINUED CONFIDENCE

YOURS

C. E. STINE

CLIFFORD E. STINE
7401 AGNEW AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CAL.
90045



*Stokes, Mrs. Dan
8
RNC not part
of Watergate*

August 30, 1973

Mrs. Dan Stokes
2061 CR 122
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Marian:

Just a quick note to thank you for your letter of August 20 and for sending along that clipping. I am glad to see that things are getting in a better perspective these days. I am dictating this from a vacation in Maine where Watergate seems way way far away.

Warm regards and thanks.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:ks

(Red checkmark)

August 23, 1973

Mrs. Dan Stokes
2061 CR 122
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Mrs. Stokes:

Chairman Bush is vacationing with his family in Maine and in his absence I am writing to acknowledge your letter of August 20. I know he will appreciate reading the article from the News-Messenger and you can be sure that it will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to the office.

In the meantime, on the chairman's behalf, may I thank you for taking the time to write. It's always good to get grass roots reaction to the Committee's efforts.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny
Secretary, Mr. Bush

Mrs. Marian Stokes

Member of the Republican State Central and Executive Committee
of Ohio from the Fifth Congressional District



Business Telephone: (419) 332-5471
Residence Telephone: (419) 332-9847

Residence Address:
2061 CR 122
Fremont, Ohio 43420

August 20, 1973

AUG 22 REC'D

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

From my local newspaper that leans towards the opposite partyit is heart warming to note they recognize the fact the National Party was not involved.

Just thought you should have the editorial, Fremont, Ohio,
The News Messenger, Thursday, August 16th, 1973.

Sincerely,

Marian Stokes (Mrs. Dan)
Committee-woman, 5th-Ohio

*Remembered the Lincoln Day
Dinner in 1971 in Mr. Latta's
District. We met at that
time.*

The News-Messenger Thursday, Aug. 16, 1973

Viewpoint

Editorials

Farewell, Monday

We are extremely sorry to note that Monday, a lively partisan newsletter put out by the Republican National Committee, is gone. We are even more distressed by the reason. Contributions to party funds have fallen off. The national committee had planned to spend \$5.5 million this year. It has had to cut its budget to \$4.5 million — and that sadly includes an end to Monday.

Republican Chairman George Bush said all that needed to be said in his letter to Monday contributors. He wrote them:

"The reasons for this decline in financial support are obvious and I don't believe I need to go into detail about them. It is unfortunate that the Republican National Committee should suffer from allegations and innuendo directed at others for acts in which no one even remotely connected with this committee took part."

It is indeed unfortunate, and most unfair that the Republican National Committee is being smeared with the same brush for crimes alleged against the Committee to Re-Elect the President. The national GOP committee had absolutely nothing to do with any of the "White House horrors." It was not even a financial beneficiary of the fund raising activities of the re-election committee. That was a sore point during the 1972 campaign. It is some consolation to the national committee now. At least it doesn't have tainted money. But it doesn't have enough of any kind of money; and that is something for all good citizens, those who value the two-party system, to regret.

Stoll, Al
8
Watergate

June 6, 1973

Mr. Al Stoll
Rural Route #1
Story City, Iowa 50248

Dear Mr. Stoll:

Mr. AB Hermann, my aide, has brought to my attention the gist of your telephone conversation with him last week in which you expressed your comments pertaining to the Watergate incident and, especially, President Nixon.

I do appreciate receiving the benefit of your thoughts, although from what my aide has advised, we probably do not see eye to eye on the issue. However, for your information, enclosed is material emanating from Republican National Committee headquarters which I would appreciate your noting carefully, and I prayerfully hope it will bring you and your family back into the fold of support for the Republican Party and its candidates.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

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July 31, 1973

Stone, Jay
8 Watergate
Inauguration, Sen. Danial
"What a liar" statement
& letter to
Turner, Terrie

Mr. Jay Stone, Executive Director
The Republican Party of Louisiana
Box 1949
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Dear Jay:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter and for sending along the clipping. I, too, wonder how the press would have played the "liar" comment provided it had been made by Gurney about Dean. I am giving the Tulane professor's article to Fred Buzhardt at the White House lest he hasn't seen it.

I wrote the attached letter to Terrie Turner.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Att.

GB/hc



July 31, 1973

Miss Terrie Turner
c/o Mr. and Mrs. James H. Turner
Route 4
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Terrie:

Our State Chairman in Louisiana sent me along your letter to the Editor. I just wanted to thank you for that letter you wrote in support of our President. I'll take it down to the White House with me.

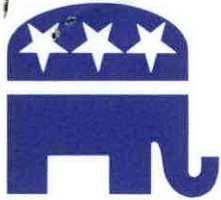
Best wishes to you. I hope you keep up your interest in your government.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/hc

*orig. sent to Jay Stone
for forwarding
8/17 - Hc*



The Republican Party of Louisiana

JAY STONE
Executive Director

July 27, 1973

JUL 30 1973

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

Dear George:

I am enclosing a copy of the newspaper article concerning a prominent Tulane University professor's opinion of President Nixon's constitutional prerogatives in regard to his refusal of the Senate Committee subpoena. I thought you might find it interesting and informative.

Also, I think you should know that we have had numerous calls concerning the "what a liar" remark by Senator Inouye. People have wondered out loud what would have been the press' reaction had Senator Gurney whispered the same thing during his questioning of John Dean. I think you should call upon Senator Ervin to remove Senator Inouye because of his obvious prejudice.

Sincerely,

Jay

JAY STONE
Executive Director

JS:mb

Enclosures

July 27, 1973

Miss Terrie Turner
c/o Mr. & Mrs. James H. Turner
Route 4
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Terrie:

I saw a copy of your letter to President Nixon in the Baton Rouge STATE-TIMES, Wednesday afternoon. I want to personally express my appreciation for your words of encouragement to our President during these troubled times.

I am sending a copy of the article to George Bush, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee in Washington, D. C. I am sure he will be interested in your concern over this problem.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. BOYCE
State Chairman

~~JS:mb~~

cc: Chairman George Bush

'Win the Watergate,' BR Girl Tells Nixon

Eight-year-old Terrie Turner of Baton Rouge recently wrote President Nixon and told him "I hope you win the watergate."

Terrie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Turner of Rt. 4, Baton Rouge, and will be a fourth-grader at Tanglewood Elementary School this fall.

The letter read as follows:

"Dear Mr. President, How are you? I think you are telling the truth on the watergate. The other people said that you said that you told them to bug those people. But sense they got cough they are blaming it on you. They don't want to go to Jail. When I get older I am going to Washington, D.C. I hope you are still President. I hope you win the watergate. I wonder if this has happen to any other president. Well let me go. by now. You Friend, Terrie Turner P.S. Write back as soon as you can."

MICHAEL STONE
98-10 64TH AVENUE
REGO PARK, NEW YORK 11374
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2 October 1973

OCT 4 1973

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

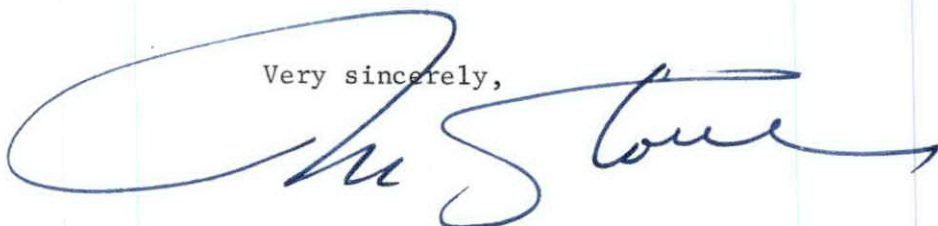
Dear Mr. Bush:

I thought that you may be interested to see the attached copy of my letter to Senator H.H. Baker, Jr., together with the respective copies of letters to CBS News and to NBC News of prior date. The practice by the media to apply a "Double Standard" with intent to damage the Administration and also the Republican Party, seriously undermines the fabric of our Nation.

Bias and immorality often practiced by some of the media - brazenly and on a massive scale - must find continued exposure in FIRST MONDAY and by all other means available.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Stone'.

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enc.

MICHAEL STONE
98-10 64TH AVENUE
REGO PARK, NEW YORK 11371
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1 October 1973

Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baker:

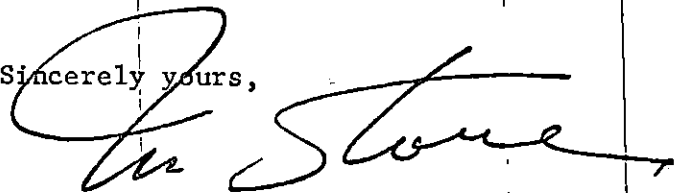
I am taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed Xerox copies of my letters to CBS News and NBC News respectively, in the belief, that the subjects raised may have a direct bearing on the legislation to be recommended by your Committee.

Specifically, the subject is the use of telescopic-lens equipment for film-recording of persons, objects and events. In my opinion, such equipment when used surreptitiously for optical surveillance, falls into the same category as electronic or "bugging" surveillance - since, as I have stated in the enclosed letters, the eyes are as much a sense as the ears.

If legislation presently exists that prohibits the invasion of privacy by covert filming of individuals with subsequent unauthorized publicity via the television tube or by other means - then the two networks involved may have been remiss in the observation of pertaining statutes. Contrarily, if no pertinent legislation exists, or if such is inadequate - then, there is indeed valid reason to consider legislation for the protection of individuals against invasion of their privacy in any form (except when authorized by courts) and without conflict with the provisions of the First Amendment.

I shall be very grateful to be notified by you in due course as to your judgment on the merits of the matters I have raised.

Sincerely yours,



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enc. cc Letter to:
B. Morton (10-1-73)
J. Chancellor (7-23-73)
cc: Senator E. J. Gurney

MICHAEL STONE
98-10 64TH AVENUE
REGO PARK, NEW YORK 11374
TWINING 7-7520

1 October 1973

Mr. Bruce Morton
C.B.S. News
2020 "M" Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morton:

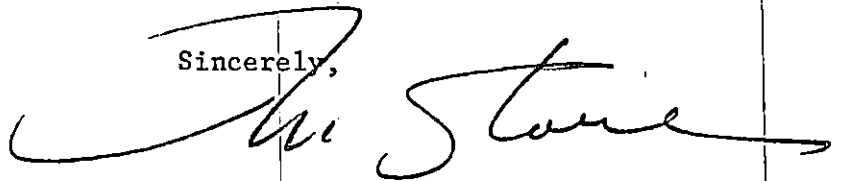
Permit me to comment on your contribution to Walter Cronkite's program, Friday, 28 September 1973. Speaking on the release of data on the amounts of money raised and spent to re-elect President Nixon, you publicized the names of a few wealthy contributors and offered your own statistic that the Committee to Re-Elect spent \$1.20 per vote cast. While the facts are essentially correct, your presentation appeared one-sided, partisan and lacked all balance, normally to be expected when political news are analysed utilizing a national network.

For instance, your mention of large-sum contributors could have reminded the viewers that Senator McGovern was also the beneficiary of donations by millionaires. More than a dozen in such group included Stewart Mott and Max Palevsky, who later became alarmed and left. Your calculation that the sums collected resulted in an expenditure of \$1.20 per vote cast for Richard Nixon, caused me to use identical arithmetic with the following results: According to The New York Times, from \$35 to \$38 million were collected on behalf of Senator McGovern. Applying the lower of the two figures to the number of votes cast (29,169,615) - it may amaze you to know that \$1.20 per vote cast was also spent by the McGovern Committee! The only difference was in the result which left the Senator 18 million votes behind.

While on the subject of news coverage, I seem to have missed a commentary concerning the reported detention of the C.B.S. three-men television crew by federal marshalls in Baltimore, Md., on September 27th. How come that there were no anguished cries, alleging suppression of rights under the First Amendment when the crew's film was confiscated? Could it be that your crew acted contrary to the judge's instructions pertaining to proceedings by the grand jury which allegedly involve Vice President Agnew? According to an A.P. account, your crew "had been filming the courthouse from the roof of an adjacent building."

As you know, long-distance film-recording often requires the use of telescope-lens equipment, thus invading the privacy of individuals concerned unless done with their prior knowledge and consent. This tactic, even when deemed legal, is morally as wrong as any alleged use of bugging equipment that came up for accusation in the Watergate case. The eyes, after all, are as much a sense as the ears. I do not wish to infer on the basis of seemingly circumstantial evidence that employment of "dirty tricks" was the case in Baltimore. As a steady and often enthusiastic viewer of Channel 2, I would feel very reassured to learn from C.B.S. that no "Double Standard" as to tactics or morality applies. In such case, my concern will continue to be directed to what I consider to be partisan and un-balanced news coverage when such does occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Phil Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Mr. Walter Cronkite
Mr. Dan Rather

MICHAEL STONE
98-10 64TH AVENUE
REGO PARK, NEW YORK 11374
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23 July 1973

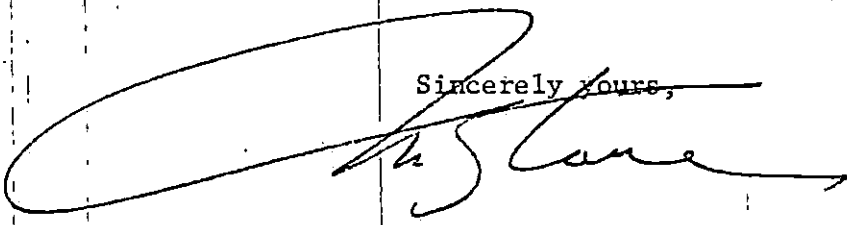
Mr. John Chancellor
N.B.C. News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

This is to comment on your two-hour special on "Watergate", telecast 9 to 11 P.M. on Thursday, 19 July 1973. In the last segment of program, while reporting on H.R. Haldeman's current whereabouts and activities, his temporary residence was shown and described. It appeared that in doing so, your reporting crew used telescope-lens equipment, thus invading the privacy of Mr. Haldeman, possibly without his knowledge and seemingly without his consent.

Whereas the above-referred tactics - if and when used - can be legal, they are morally as wrong as any alleged use of bugging equipment that is under similar accusation. The eyes, after all, are as much a sense as the ears. It is one thing to listen to partisan opinions that were expressed by your Mr. Kiker, but quite another to observe the likely practice of double standards by the media. Your comments will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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Letters to the Editor of the Journal

The Cost of Protection

Editor, The Wall Street Journal:

One important facet of your excellent editorial "The President's Counteroffensive" (Aug. 22) dealt with the alleged high cost of expenditures for the President's homes. The same issue carried a related frontpage item stating: "Senator Mondale will seek to impose control over federal funds spent at the private homes of any President."

America is best served by spending whatever necessary to protect successfully the life of its President, be it at San Clemente or wherever. Millions of dollars spent on funerals, commission investigations, trial costs of assassins and the expenses of keeping criminals alive—is tragic testimony to any alternative. It is ironic that the true cost of the eternal light at the Arlington Cemetery, serving as a reminder to all, is disregarded by so many today!

MICHAEL STONE

New York

Storch, Theodore Roosevelt
8
Watergate
statement by Chm
& pro Pres

May 14, 1973

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt Storch
111 South Belmont Avenue, #201
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Dear Mr. Storch:

Thank you for your letter of May 4th, for your good words of support for my appearance on NBC, and for your confidence in the President.

Mr. Nixon pledged that he would do all possible to see that justice is done in the Watergate affair. That pledge merits our confidence as do the many fine accomplishments of his Administration which on occasion tend to be obscured by this ugly mess. The Party, too, I believe will emerge strong and undamaged ready to take on the important task of the 1974 elections.

It was good of you to write. I very much appreciated your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



From

House of Roosevelt - Since 1904

PLEASE RETURN THIS

Redi Reply

220 WEST 24th STREET

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10011

TELEPHONE (609) 344-1900

TO

5/4/73 - Time 7:30 A.M.

REPLY NECESSARY

☐ YES ☐ NO

DATE

SUBJECT

You T.V. appearance
NBC - Channel 4
5/4/73 - 7:30 A.M.

To

Hon. George Bush - Chairman
National Republican Party
Washington, D.C. Hqtrs

Message

You talk on N.B.C.-T.V., New York!!
Your confidence in President
Richard Nixon's Watergate
explanation is exemplary.
Believe me he knows what he is
doing.

He is innocent of all wrong-doing.
John Mitchell knows more than
he cares to reveal - he is a
devout Republican. As a famous
lawyer, he will defend all
innocent parties.

SIGNED

SIGNED

Theodore Roosevelt Storch
Public Relations Counsel

ORIGINATOR - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Reply

TO

DATE

Politics make strange bed-fellows!!
..... Unquote

Martha Mitchell has been
cleverly coached by her husband -
rightly so!!

Her mental health is a private
matter - She revealed nothing!!
R.S.V.P.

Theodore Roosevelt Storch
Public Relations Counsel
111 South Belmont Ave., #201
Atlantic City, N.J. 08401

SIGNED

RRM 811

SEND PARTS 1 AND 3 INTACT. PART 1 IS RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Stowe, Jim
8
Chm. re Watergate

May 10, 1973

Mr. Jim Stowe, Director of Public Affairs
Gifford-Hill & Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 47127
Dallas, Texas 75247

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Attached are some excerpts of what I have been saying on Watergate. I am trying hard to keep it in proper perspective.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Enclosure

GB:jj



P. O. Box 47127
Dallas, Texas 75247
May 3, 1973

MAY 8 1973

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

Dear George:

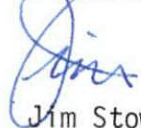
Well I hope by this time you have weathered the latest political storms that seem to be overtaking the Capitol.

I wanted to relate to you in the simplest terms that I think your defense of the Party at this time is very important. Our party and the nation need to hear that continuously for the next month or so and especially in comparable terms that you used on the CBS TV news this morning.

I keep getting these good rumors and good personal vibrations that when all the Watergate mess is over that you will be in closer contact with the President. If this occurs I am confident, as I have always been, that you will be the man for the job.

If I can be of any assistance, please call on me for any kind of help.

Sincerely,



Jim Stowe

JS:vm

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JIM STOWE

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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P. O. Box 47127
DALLAS, TEXAS 75247

Strackbein, O.R.
Watergate & Legislation

August 7, 1973

Mr. O. R. Strackbein
815 - 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Strackbein:

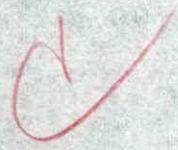
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in forwarding a copy of
your white paper on "Watergate and Legislation."

I appreciate your bringing it to my attention and I shall
make note of its contents most carefully.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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815 15th Street, N. W.,
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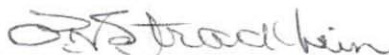
Honorable George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 1st Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

While the Watergate matter is not in my field of operation, I feel moved as a citizen to protest against the Ervin Committee's style of investigation.

I have put on paper a few thoughts that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,


O. R. Strackbein

July 25, 1973

WATERGATE and LEGISLATION

The avowed purpose of the Senate's investigation of the Watergate events is to gather information that would provide a useful guide in formulating legislation designed to purify our Presidential campaigns.

Of principal concern is the financing of these and possibly other political campaigns. Congress has given attention to this problem in recent times and has amended the Corrupt Practices Act in a manner to assure fuller reporting of money collected by the campaign managers of the candidates. The objective throughout is to free the prospective victors from the corrupting influence of being under obligation to those who contribute heavily to their campaigns.

In order to know how best to legislate, adequate information on past practices is obviously not only desirable but essential. The question then becomes one of what type of information would be most enlightening.

Naturally any new law resulting from the greater enlightenment provided by the pertinent investigation would be concerned with closing such loopholes in existing law, avoiding such subterfuges and evasions, as the exposure of deficiencies in the existing law might reflect; and, as the need might be, setting new limitations on contributions from any sources in order to reduce a candidate's

indebtedness to generous contributors.

The question before a Senate Committee, if it is to be true to its avowed purpose and if it is to avoid the temptation of merely making political hay or engaging in sensationalism and personal publicity for members who conduct the investigation, is therefore one of legislative relevancy of the inquiry.

This question is not to be confused with the public interest in bringing to justice alleged violators of existing law. For that we have the judicial system. If that system is thought to be deficient and if information is needed as a guide to legislation designed to correct such deficiencies, Congressional Committees empowered to gather relevant information aimed at such an end could be named.

In the present instance, relating to the Presidential campaign of 1972, several persons have already been brought to court and have been convicted and are imprisoned. Others have been indicted and yet others may be tried. Indeed a Special Prosecutor has been named, unquestionably on the theory that partisanship is so deeply imbedded even in our judicial system that it cannot be trusted to render justice.

Indeed distrust of those who exercise power is a heritage from our forefathers and was so profound that the framers of our Constitution instituted what is commonly called the system of checks and balances in the setting up of our form of government. We continue, assuredly for good reason to harbor such suspicion; but we appear not to be equally concerned over the vitiating effect of partisanship on the purity of our high motives and endeavors. The partisan approach immediately impugns the integrity of any investigation that

itself is inseparable in its tone and conduct and in the very subject of inquiry from partisan politics.

For example, the Senate select Committee for the investigation of the 1972 Presidential election is weighted 4-3 in preponderance of Democrats, and the chairman is a Democrat. Such a biased structure of itself violates the principle of checks and balances and leads to the ineradicable suspicion that is confirmed by the bare historical fact that almost without exception Congressional and especially Senatorial exposure of corruption or official wrongdoing has in the past been accomplished by the party in opposition to the discredit of the opposite party. Republicans do not bring Republicans to the bar of adversary investigation; and Democrats do not impugn Democrats. Thus the mark of Cain is already on investigator's of that type.

Therefore it may be expected that when one party controls the Congress nearly all the wrongdoing that is to be investigated will be found to be acts committed by members of the other party. The Committees of investigation will be chaired by the dominant party, and it will have a majority of the membership on the particular Committee.

Such procedure cannot inspire confidence in the objective nor erase the suspicion that the purpose is partisan advantage and not, except incidentally, reform legislation.

The current Senate select Committee is no exception. It has gone to great lengths to disavow a prosecutorial function, and admittedly it does not abide by judicial procedure. Rather, according to its avowal, it is seeking information as a guide to wise legislation. Possibly at the same time the Committee members or some of

them, hope to profit from a political windfall as a serendipity. Under the televised presentation they achieve national exposure on an unprecedented scale, free of cost. They are in no need of contributions from supporters to defray what would be unbearable costs of an equal exposure if they bought the time for themselves.

For reasons that should be clear enough if the partisan character of the Committee's makeup is kept in mind the thrust of the inquiry drives relentlessly at determination of the President's involvement in the piece de resistance namely, the Watergate operation. How his innocence or implication would throw light on the character of any contemplated legislation is not clear. Would a bill be drawn to the effect that no Presidential candidate is to engage in illegal activities or in the obstruction of justice? But we already have such laws. Otherwise there would be no point in seeking to make such a determination, unless the purpose were simply to discredit the President and let it go at that.

If the President is suspected of having committed high crimes or misdemeanors we already have him covered. The House of Representatives is empowered to bring impeachment proceedings if the suspicion is strong enough. The House would unquestionably go over much of the same ground that now engages the Senate select Committee to determine the President's guilt. Then, if he were impeached the Senate would have its inning.

The question arises, if the present Senate inquiry is not inspired by partisanship, whether there is a serious senatorial lack of confidence, not only in our administration of justice, but also in the competence of the House of Representatives to perform its Constitutional function. Is there such a deficiency in these other

instrumentalities, which are adequately vested by the Constitution with power to fulfil their function, must the Senate step in? Does the Senate feel that it must show the way for the House by instituting a dry run on impeachment and also show the courts how to go about their business?

Would the House be less competent than the Senate to determine when the President first learned about the Watergate action and how much he knew about it? If not, why did the Senate take the lead? Could the House not be depended on to determine whether the President should be impeached? Was the Senate concerned that the House would delay too long? Would the suspect of crime meantime escape?

The Constitution assigned a clear function to the Senate. Is the present Senate not satisfied with the assignment? Does it seek to usurp the power of the House or to upstage the House? Or is the House less sensitive than the Senate to the gravity of the alleged involvement of the President? Is the House leadership obtuse? Should the Constitution be amended so that the Senate might properly do what it is now engaged in doing by way of exhibiting a lack of confidence in the House?

That the Senate select Committee is obsessed with making the President's guilt or innocence the very core of its investigation is borne out by the character of the questioning and most recently by the widespread demand that the President reveal to the Committee the content of the White House tape which presumably would expose precisely what was said by John Dean III in his conference with the President. In other words, should the tape exonerate the President further interest in the proceedings would collapse and the need to gather further information on the elective process would virtually

vanish. If, on the other hand, the tape would implicate the President, the question is what light this would throw on the elective process that could be translated into legislation. To repeat, would it be sufficient to pass a law that would make Presidential lying a felony or an impeachable offense? Would this add anything to the laws that are already on the books?

Or would the Committee's function be regarded as fulfilled by the exposure of the President thus accomplished? If so, was the enabling resolution that set up the select Committee properly drawn? Or would the ostensible purpose of the resolution be no more than a subterfuge authorizing a fishing expedition motivated by a partisan purpose?

Is it a situation wherein partisanship can be practiced with impunity because no Republican can possibly defend the activity of the so-called plumbers in breaking into the Watergate - that is, a situation in which a defender on the Committee would convict himself automatically of being on the side of sin and corruption if he comes in the position of seeming to condone or explaining the indefensible actions already condemned by a court and doubly so by the press? How can he, say a Republican member of the Committee, separate the confessed guilt of the convicted from the imputed guilt voiced by those who shout mob-like from the sidelines? Is a change of venue possible when the television lights and the press would in any case follow to the new site of a trial? But, of course, we are reminded daily that the Senate Committee is not conducting a trial, as witness: no rules of evidence are invoked. Therefore it cannot be a judicial trial; but that does not mean that it cannot partake of some of the unsavory characteristics of a mob trial; indeed it opens the way. It bears an uncomfortable resemblance to a "peoples court".

It has indeed been said that it is more important that information be gathered and that the public be informed than that a few criminals be convicted. The end in view, which is to say the gathering in full public view of relevant legislative information, would justify the means, which might be the obstruction of justice. Yet, obstruction of justice is precisely one of the principal offenses pressed against the President. When then do we and when do we not obstruct justice, and in behalf of exactly which ends?

Yet it is difficult to appreciate how a conviction of the President on the grounds of obstructing justice would provide information that would be useful in shaping legislation governing further presidential elections, particularly when Presidential honesty and integrity cannot be legislated and when we already have laws on that point.

Altogether the impression seems inescapable that the purpose of the Senate Watergate hearings are motivated as much by a desire to hold up to view practices that are unacceptable and morally repugnant as by partisan motives or personal publicity. Indeed the chairman has revealed a moral zeal and what may be a suppressed ministerial inclination to a degree that makes his performance reminiscent of the crusaders and religious revivals. However, whether the Senate Committee should be converted into a pulpit in an effort to stem the tide of moral disarmament in this country, which is surely bipartisan, is another question. The eminent Chairman might better address himself to parents, teachers and ministers of the gospel: but perhaps that is precisely what he perceives himself covertly to be doing. The ways of the Lord, it might be reflected, are sometimes strange to behold.

Strombeck, Mrs. J. F.
8
Watergate

April 10, 1973

Mrs. J. F. Strombeck
900 23rd Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265

Dear Mrs. Strombeck:

Your comments in response to our plea for support of our Sustaining Membership Program have been brought to my attention since I have recently been elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

I assume you are referring to the Watergate incident in your letter, Mrs. Strombeck, and if that is the case, I can assure you I share your concern. No one would like to see Watergate cleared up more than I. I don't like it, and I have spoken out openly and publicly against it. I want to see the matter cleaned up and cleaned up promptly.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Enclosures

Thank you for your letter
which I am returning.
You say that the Republicans
need money to ~~run~~ ^{store}
but it is also true
that we need character,
integrity and less
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political party. Some
it seems that the past
year hasn't demonstrated

Dear Sir:

Mr. M. Stans
Republican Finance Comm.
Washington, D.C., 20003

January 17
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yours sincerely,
Thekla C. Strombeck
(Mrs J. F.)

900- 23d Avenue
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Ill.,

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
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310 FIRST ST. S. E. • WASHINGTON, D. C. 20003

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* If your contribution is for \$25 or more, you also receive MONDAY, the weekly Newsletter of the Republican Party.

MRS J F STROMBECK
900 23RD AVE
MOLINE, IL 61265

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First remove your 1973 Membership Card. Then return top portion of this letter in accompanying reply envelope with your contribution. No postage required.

Sturm, Mrs Edna Young
8
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Gardenia Season

MAY 8 1973

Cheers George Bush,

May 22, 1973

I showed this to Mayor Jim
(Scheifley) and told him I was going to send it to you.

Republicans --- all,

Mrs. Edna Young Sturm
34 S. E. 7th Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear Mrs. Sturm:

I wanted to take a moment to let you know I have received the
copy of the Miami Herald article and the handsome little
Hallmark card. It was good of you to send them, and I
appreciated it very much.

I continue to believe the Party will emerge strong and
undamaged, and I firmly believe in the political process
in our country and don't want to see it sullied by the handi-
work of a few people who apparently were totally lacking
in judgment.

Thank you again.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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I showed t h i s to Mayor Jim
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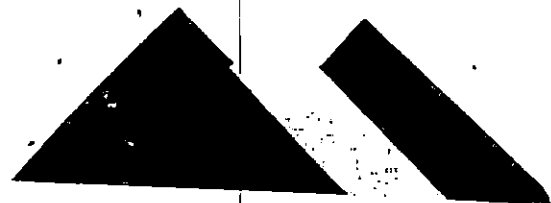
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**AMERICA,
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Watergate Will Taint, Bush Says

**GOP Chairman
Warns White House**

By LOU CANNON
And DAVID S. BRODER
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON

Republican National Chairman George Bush Thursday warned the White House that both he and the party organization are in danger of being compromised by the handling of the Watergate case.

The former Texas congressman and ambassador to the United Nations called a meeting of all committee employees to say he was determined that "no one connected with that whole mess" will work in future Republican campaigns.

Bush, picked for the chairmanship by President Nixon only four months ago, was variously described by committee associates as being angry, nervous, shaken and bitterly disappointed by two events this week:



George Bush

... angry

● His discovery on Monday that despite personal assurances to the contrary from H.R. (Bob) Haldeman and other White House officials, there was evidence linking Kenneth S. Rietz to political espionage activities. Rietz, the former head of the youth division of the Committee to Reelect the President, resigned suddenly Tuesday from his month-old job as director of the "New Majority Campaign" at the Republican National Committee.

● The accidental revelation on Wednesday that Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon campaign, reportedly admitted to federal prosecutors on April 14 his involvement in the case, was still using a chauffeur-driven car leased to the national committee.

Without mentioning either incident, Bush told the staff members, broken into two groups to fit into the committee's conference room, that no one "even remotely connected with that whole mess" will be allowed to have any role in future committee activities.

White House sources said the chairman had conveyed that same message to senior staff members there Thursday and had expressed his "dismay" at the handling of the Rietz and Magruder cases.

BUSH himself was en route to a speaking engagement in Dallas Thursday night and was not available for comment. Aides said there was no question of his resigning, but said that Bush was determined there be no further incidents that could compromise his own position or cloud the national committee's claim of non-involvement in the Watergate case.

Those attending the staff conference quoted Bush as saying he has been spending most of his time trying to assure that "Watergate is not going to drag the GOP down."

The chairman said he understood why dedicated party workers in Washington and across the country would be dismayed by "the activities of a few people," but urged his listeners to have confidence in the President and the judicial system to expose those who were guilty.

He cautioned them against believing newspaper speculation or fueling rumors by their own remarks.

PRIVATELY, party officials and committee associates described the chairman as being very upset by the Rietz incident.

The matter of Magruder's car came to Bush's attention Wednesday when a traffic ticket arrived at the national committee for a car that committee staff members could not immediately identify.

Robert Roussek, the committee's communication director said that inquiries to the Ford Motor Company determined that it was one of seven cars covered by a "master contract" with the national committee. Roussek said that five of the leased cars were used by the national committee and the other two by the reelection committee, which paid the bills for that pair.

*Sullivan Jean
8 Alabama
Views re Watergate*

July 9, 1973

Mrs. Jean Sullivan
Member for Alabama
311 Cresthaven Court
Selma, Alabama 36701

Dear Jean:

I just want you to know how much I appreciate your keeping Tom Lias informed on the views of the people in Alabama. I expect what you are getting there is pretty much what I am getting all across the country. People are tired of Watergate, but they want to see it fully cleared up.

I had a big swing to the west last week and it was pretty interesting.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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June 29, 1973

Chairman:

re Grass roots comment on Watergate

Jean Sullivan, National Committeewoman for Alabama was in town on Friday and said that the people in Alabama are getting very tired hearing about Watergate. Jean is very busy trying to do and say positive things the government is doing rather than being drawn into Watergate (she says the big problem in Alabama is that a town was recently wiped out by a tornado and they have had great difficulty getting an effective response from the Federal Government to cope with the disaster.) Jean reiterated what Mrs. Boes says that the South still believes in Richard Nixon. He is still very popular there.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tom', with a long horizontal stroke above it.

Tom

*Sumner, Mrs. B.A.
&
Watergate*

August 15, 1973

Dear Mrs. Sumner:

Thank you for a most thoughtful letter. This job is terribly frustrating and demanding at times, but it's a real challenge and I appreciate your concern and kind words.

Your reaction to the Senate hearings is interesting and I must confess we are hearing similar comments from all across the country.

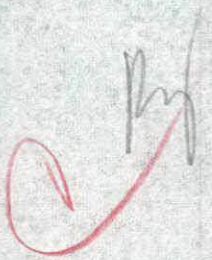
Thanks, again, for your wonderful words of encouragement, which came at a time when most needed.

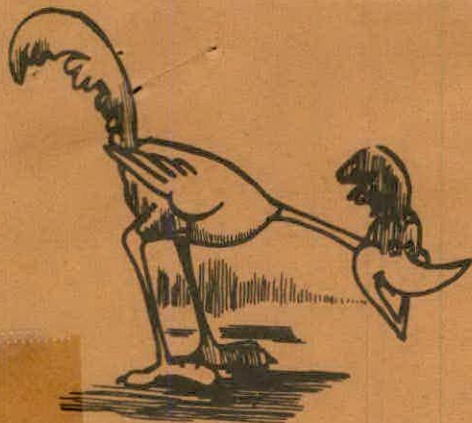
With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

George Bush

Mrs. B. A. Sumner
6204 Weems Way
El Paso, Texas 79905





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Dear Sir:

This is a letter long overdue and I am sorry that I have waited until a time when I am so distraught that one word can barely follow another intelligently.

In the first place Republicans everywhere should be grateful to you, and they are, of course, for having accepted the position you now hold in our Party. It can't be anything but a headache, particularly right now.

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Surely the Republicans in Connecticut are not all sadistic, self-righteous monsters and surely Weicker is not an example of all of them. Surely, surely not! Where is he getting his ammunition, by the "Watergate" route or the spy system?

He hurts me and distresses me so that I turn off the TV, not being so masochistically inclined to be able to watch him, and the heartache that he is causing nationwide cannot be fathomed. He reduces many of us who have worked and worked, as have the many who have worked to put him in a high place, to tears. Actually!

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Thank you again for taking on the position you now hold, and oh boy! aren't you having your troubles right now. *Can I help!*

Most sincerely,

Bess Sumner

MRS. B. A. SUMNER
6204 WEEMS WAY
EL PASO, TEX
79905



*Don't let me
be read out of
the Party
Lenny*

The Hon George Bush
McDonnell Republican Club
610 First St SE
Washington, DC 20003



BEATRICE M. SUMMER
6204 WEEMS CT.
EL PASO, TEX.



Sutterlin, Mrs Lee
8
Watergate

May 10, 1973

Dear Mrs. Sutterlin:

My warmest thanks for your good note of May 4 and for your words of confidence.

I am convinced that the Watergate matter will be cleared up, and once that happens the Party will emerge strong and undamaged. We have a very important task before us in the coming months of electing a Republican majority to Congress in 1974.

We need the continued support of people such as yourself in order to accomplish that. Thank you for writing and for your kind words of support.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mrs. Lee Sutterlin
Shadow Lawn Farm, Route 2
Grafton, North Dakota 58237



George Bush - Chairman
of the Republican Party
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

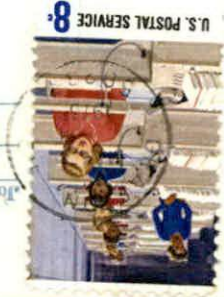
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Mrs. Lee Sutterlin
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May 4, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

You were extremely
effective on the
Today Show this
morning. The Republican
Party is fortunate
that you are our
Chairman. Keep
up the good work.

Best wishes
from

Mrs. Lee Sutterlin

Swaim, George T. Jr.
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20, Sen Percy
re Watergate

May 30, 1973

Mr. George T. Swaim, Jr.
Swaim, Zimmerly & Swaim
139 North Dearborn Avenue
Kankakee, Ill. 60901

Dear Mr. Swaim:

Thank you for sending along a copy of your letter to Senator Percy. I thought you might like to have this additional material we've been sending out from national headquarters on Watergate.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Atts.

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GEORGE T. SWAIM, JR.
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LEHIGH BUILDING
PHONE 815-839-3134

May 24, 1973

The Honorable Charles Percy
United States Senator from Illinois
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Percy:

I have just received a form letter from your office dated May 18, 1973 addressed "Dear Friend". This is indeed a curious type of letter to receive from your office, and in addition, a very curious type of greeting. I have previously written to you with respect to my concern as to your various and sundry positions as a Republican United States Senator from Illinois. Senator Percy, I am wondering if you receive the First Monday magazine put out by the Republican National Committee. I trust that you do, and I am wondering if you read this particular publication.

More in particular, Senator Percy, I wish to call to your attention the First Monday edition dated May, 1973, more in particular the issue that contains the remarks of Lt. Col. Leo K. Thorsness of South Dakota. This is certainly an interesting article. My recollection with respect to your position on Viet Nam was "Stop the bombing". If I read the reports of the various returned POWs, I find them not far different from that expressed by the aforementioned Lt. Col. Leo K. Thorsness. How wrong can one United States Senator be!

I have also recently written to you with respect to Watergate. In the Monday edition dated May 14, 1973 there appears a statement made by Senator William Proxmire, Democrat, from Wisconsin, which was entered in Congressional record of Tuesday, May 8, 1973. I trust likewise that you have read this particular article, or perhaps you were even in the Senate at the time that Senator William Proxmire made his statement. Very frankly, I agree with Chairman George Bush that Watergate was the product of a few individuals - the Republican Party was not involved, and indeed as unfortunate as Watergate may be, I again state that I feel that our federal government should go on about its daily business of conducting and running our federal government. I am not only appalled at the position taken by a number of our United States Senators, but also by a good portion of our news media in which our very great President is and has been already found "guilty".

It appears that quite a number of United States Senators are "incensed" with respect to Watergate. Again, I feel that none of us wish to say that Watergate was justified or should go without proper investigation. But

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The Honorable Charles Percy

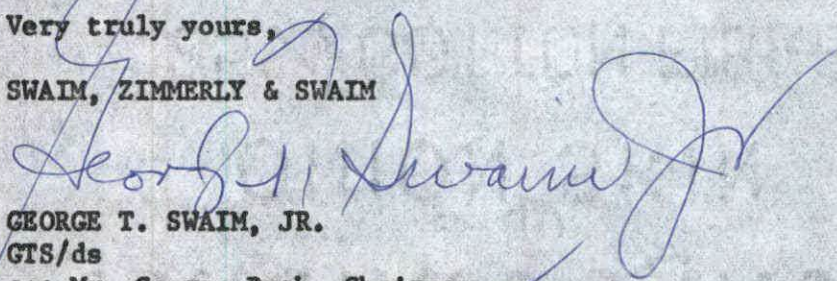
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again if my memory serves me correctly, there was an incident called Chappaquiddick in which one United States Senator, namely Senator Ted Kennedy, was personally involved, and I do not recall that the Senate as such became "incensed" over this particular complicated matter. In Chappaquiddick somebody was hurt - namely, there was a death. In Watergate nobody has been hurt, and I again emphasize the fact that it should not be "whitewashed", but should, in my opinion, be put in proper perspective. If the Senate wishes to be incensed over Watergate, I guess this is their privilege, but it might appear reasonable also for them to become likewise disturbed over some of the conduct of some of its members, to-wit: one Ted Kennedy.

Very truly yours,

SWAIM, ZIMMERLY & SWAIM


GEORGE T. SWAIM, JR.

GTS/ds

cc: Mr. George Bush, Chairman ✓

*Swain, Paul C.
8 Watergate*

May 29, 1973

Mr. Paul C. Swain, President
Swain Restoration Co., Inc.
415 East Crosstimbers
P. O. Box 16279
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Swain:

Thanks very much for your letter. I can assure you it was read in a spirit of understanding and concern. I should like, however, to clear the record on one statement you attribute to me. That is the matter of concern over the Watergate incident.

If the papers there reported that I said the general public is not concerned about Watergate, that is inaccurate. For my own part, I feel deeply about it. And I feel certain that the connotations of Watergate certainly concern the general public. Perhaps my statements were misinterpreted when I stated that I felt that in the end the Republican Party will not be permanently damaged by this incident. The Republican Party must not and will not be measured by the actions of a misguided few who in no way represent the Party. The loser out of this is not the Party. The losers are going to be those who broke the trust; the losers are going to be those who violated the law and must pay the price. The Party is separate from Watergate, but I can assure you that it kills me to see our political process downgraded by the infidelity of a few. I feel certain the majority of thinking Americans share this view.

The President has said both privately and publicly that he is determined to get at the whole truth of Watergate. There is no question that the whole truth will be known. The important thing to remember is that the judicial system does work and it will continue to work. It will reach wherever necessary -- whether it is high or low -- and it will ferret out the guilty.

 I'm sorry if you felt my remarks reflected the interpretation which you indicated. While I do believe the Republican Party will continue to move forward, I also harbor a deep concern over such a deplorable, messy incident that should never have happened -- that must never happen again. As I have said, long after Watergate fades from the front pages, what

Mr. Paul C. Swain

May 29, 1973

will be remembered is that the criminal justice system in this country works. There is no partisan advantage in this.

Again, thank you for a very thoughtful and sensitive letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

PR/KP



Associate Member of A. B. C.

Swain Restoration Co., Inc.

415 East Crosstimbers • P.O. Box 16279
Houston, Texas 77022

Telephone: (713) 695-0121

April 30, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

As a fellow Republican and Texan, I feel it ~~only proper to challenge the veracity of the statement recently attributed to you by the local newspapers in which you declared that the Watergate incident should not impair G.O.P. performance at the polls in forthcoming elections and that the public in general is not too concerned about it.~~

Sir, everyone realizes you are expected to make public pronouncements favorable to the party, but this incredulous stand is too much. The majority of thinking individuals with whom I have come into contact are sickened by this series of incidents, e.g. Watergate, the Gray nomination, the theft of the Ellsberg papers, news suppression, and alteration and abuse of the governing balance of powers by the Executive Branch. More than a theoretical debate of individual versus collective rights is involved. There appears to be a dangerous drift toward autocracy and your statement appears as a call to support of such a philosophy.

No one believes you to suffer from naivete. Please make a stronger "public" stand for the President to purge the administration of this cancerous growth, and to inform the public if he is deciding to await the grand jury results before taking action.

Further, it would be a forthright gesture for the administration to accept the advice of many national leaders to appoint an individual from outside the Justice Department to be involved in the Watergate probe.

Sir, in no way do I mean to disparage the many laudable goals and achievements of the Nixon Administration or your own noteworthy contributions to the party and nation. On the contrary, the matter should be clear that I echo the desire of millions of other concerned Americans that we get our house back in order by having an untainted, efficient administration running the Executive Branch.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Swain

Paul C. Swain, President
SWAIN RESTORATION CO., INC.

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*Swarts, Mr/Mrs Charles
&
Watergate
televised*

September 11, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swarts
7631 S.E. 76th Street
Mercer Island, Washington

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Swarts:

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me concerning the televised Watergate hearings.

I must say we have been getting considerable mail from people who are in agreement with your thinking. The attached statement shows how I feel on the matter.

Please know that the views of concerned citizens such as yourself play a very important role in determining the overall impact the hearings will have, and I hope you will continue to make your thoughts known to the proper people. They definitely do make a difference.

Thanks again for writing and best regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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7631 S.E. 76th Street

Mercer Island, Washington

August 28, 1973

Dear Mr. Bush,

SEP 4 REC'D

As constituents of the State of Washington we wish to notify you of our opinion of the Senate Watergate Committee.

1. The seeking of second and third party hearsay by committee members is clearly non-judicious.
2. Contemptuous questioning on the part of Senators is not sagacious, but clearly politically motivated. As Republicans we abhor the lack of judicial decorum on the part of Senator Telestet.
3. Counselors and Senators distort prior testimony in their questions.
4. The benefits of public review have been overwhelmed by the prejudice atmosphere of a political forum.

Yours truly,

James A. Swartz
Charles A. Swartz

PS Couldn't Congressional action revoke the authority of the committee and revert the process to justice through the courts? I believe the American system is prostituting itself by permitting the politically motivated of a Democratic Senate to supersaturate the public. C.A. Swartz

*Sweeney, Mr. & Mrs. H. K.
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Watergate*

June 6, 1973

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney:

Your letter of May 22nd was appreciated and your points are well taken.

The Watergate (a sordid affair which I in no way condone) was the product of the actions of a few misguided, very irresponsible individuals who violated a high trust and who served neither the President nor our country well. The criminal justice system will work in this country and the truth will be revealed. The guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated. I deeply believe in our political process and don't want to see it sullied by the handiwork of a few men who apparently were totally lacking in judgment.

This is indeed a troubled time for our country. I have been deeply concerned by the whole incident, but am convinced that within the coming weeks we will see more return to civility and a proper perspective regained on all sides. The press has done a good job in many ways, but they seem to have overlooked one of our basic principles in some instances, and that is, one is innocent until proven guilty.

Out of all this can come a strengthening of our great American system and its political process, and a stronger and more independent Party. A fundamental point to remember about the Watergate is that long after the names of the culprits in the incident are forgotten what will be remembered is that the criminal justice system works in this country. In the meantime, each and every one of us needs to stay involved, working to strengthen and better our system and its political process. And, we will be working hard here to continue to build and strengthen a good, clean, decent Republican Party.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sweeney
727 Richmond Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

MS/RZ

May 22, 1973

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

Dear Chairman Bush,

McCarthyism, according to the dictionary (Funk & Wagnalls) is:

"The practice of making public and sensational accusations of disloyalty or corruption, usually with little or no proof or with doubtful evidence. The practice of conducting inquisitorial investigations, ostensibly to expose pro-Communist activity."

The "Watergate" ("Watergateism"---to whitewash communism) inquisitorial investigation, and its practice of making public and sensational accusations of disloyalty and corruption, with little or no proof and with doubtful evidence---seems to be the reverse of "a pro-communist expose".

Yes, even the President of the United States should be subject to an investigation---but, NOT found guilty before he is tried. Yes, we should pass a law---"that any senator or congressman can be tried for subversive activity, no matter whether he is a Republican or a Democrat, without interference from the 'majority party'". That members of the U. S. Supreme Court can be tried for subversive activity. That members of the Executive departments can also be tried for suspicion of subversive activity. BUT, NONE CAN BE FOUND GUILTY BY CONGRESS OR THE PRESS BEFORE THEY ARE TRIED AND FOUND GUILTY.

Even though they find President Nixon guilty of "bugging" the Democrats, during a presidential campaign, or even though they, in the future, recognize the power of the President to investigate through the FBI, the CIA, etc. members of Congress (both parties)---why would he be guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony? The United States Constitution specifically gives the President the power ("Presidential Oath", Article II, Sec. 8): "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES"---and certainly this means "from subversive elements and individual; from traitors; from acts of anarchy; from treasonable acts; etc."

Whether they called it "a witch-hunt", or "a Red-herring", or "imperialism", or "undemocratic"---the President should have the right to investigate, to "bug", or whatever it takes to under cover subversion in Congress, in public office, even in the Supreme Court. If Congress won't help, the President should order it done. "It is better to have a 5% police-state (democracy) than to be forced into an 100% police-state by anarchy", whether the trained anarchists have been trained to be anarchists in the Soviet, Red China, Cuba---or are home-grown and educated by some of our home-grown Red professors. Even the most blackmailed or brainwashed member of Congress should know "Anarchism is the parent of totalitarianism."

(over, please)

"SHOULD THE CONGRESS INVESTIGATE A PRESIDENT'S RIGHT AND POWER TO INVESTIGATE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT?" It seems the President, according to the Constitution, must "PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES" whether Congress likes it or not. The President should have (if he doesn't) equal power to investigate corruption and subversion with and separate to Congress.

Even a blackmailed or brainwashed congressman would or should grant the need for an investigation of members of congress---if he would only read, "Cuban Journal", by Mohammed A. Rauf, Jr.; "Investigation of Students for a Democratic Society" (Akron, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; and Pittsburgh, Pa.; 91st Congress, 1st session, Oct. 28-30, 1969); "Special Counsel", by William A. Rusher (an inside report on the Senate investigations into communism); "Thirty Years of Treason", by Eric Bentley; etc. and etc. (there are volumes in the Library of Congress on "communist trained anarchists"; "the Communist Party of the United States"; "Communist Party"; "United States Communist Party"; "factions of the Communist Party": for example, SDS, NIC, LADO, PL, YIP, WWP, YAWF, UPS, ETC. "Communist influence in Congress", etc. and etc.).

Granted, we should investigate the President; members of the Supreme Court; members of Congress; members of the Executive departments; the Communist Party in the U.S.A. (Costa Rica, our Central American democratic neighbor, has outlawed communism---and "has had much less trouble from subversion than any of its Latin American neighbors."); members of the Costa Nostra (Mafia), etc.---but, why didn't the Democratic Party THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE (as the Watergate case) the case of "FDR gave away Eastern Europe to Stalin and the Soviet"? "Truman gave Mao Tse-Tung and Red China all of China and North Korea"? "The Chappaquiddick Case"? "The Bay of Pigs Case"? Etc. and etc. Whether the Republicans are in the majority or the Democrats are in the majority---there should be a law REQUIRING either party to have an investigation of any and all corruption and subversion.

Even the most blackmailed or the most brainwashed congressman should admit the need for an investigation of those home-grown communists, or suspected subversives who subscribe to the traitorous and imperialistic principles of Brezhnev, Mao Tse-Tung, Karl Marx and Lenin: (as Mao has written) "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." And, "The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds" good universally, for China and for all other countries." And these principles have been adopted by our U. S. Communist Party and all of its factions. And our home trained anarchists and our foreign trained anarchists are and have infiltrated and influenced members of our Senate and members of our Congress, teachers in our schools and colleges, etc. The recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court to legalize liberal abortion---demonstrates the "anarchistic trend" that has even influenced members of our U. S. Supreme Court. Congressional "Doves" have done everything they can to stop the appropriations to help our allies, South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia; they have used the media to give "loud Dove views against the war", and thus aid by support for the communist propaganda the North Vietnam communist totalitarian government of Hanoi.

Sincerely to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution",

Henry K. Sweeney

Swift, Phelps H.

*To Sen Percy Watergate
& RNC funds sent
in this matter*

May 15, 1973

Mr. Phelps H. Swift
30 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Ill. 60603

Dear Phelps:

Thanks for sending along a copy of your letter to Chuck Percy.

I do want to take exception to the last paragraph in which you indicate that I've got to "find better ways to control the distribution of funds raised by the Republican National Committee." Although I was Ambassador to the United Nations all through the campaign and didn't even get here until late January - long after the scandal - I'm convinced that the Republican National Committee is "clean" on this. No one has ever alleged that its funds were used in a sinister fashion, and no one to my knowledge has even mentioned the Republican National Committee in all the allegations, innuendo, hearsay and truth about Watergate. Perhaps this is too narrow a distinction to make, but I think it's terribly important to the Party that it be made. I am confident that Chuck Percy would agree with this. It was good hearing from you again, albeit indirectly. Hope all is well with you.

Warmest personal regards,

George Bush

CC: The Honorable Charles Percy

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PHELPS H. SWIFT
30 WEST MONROE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603

May 2, 1973

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The Honorable Chuck Percy
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

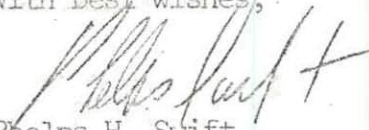
Dear Chuck,

From what I hear on the radio, Nixon is mad at you because you are trying to approach the Watergate mess in a reasonable way. Thank God that we have men like you in Washington. The country is behind you on this one.

It is apparent to me that Congress will have to handle the Watergate investigation in view of the total corruption of the White House. With this in mind, I am giving copies of this letter to my friends of the Wyoming Congressional Delegation in Washington.

I am also giving a copy to George "Poppy" Bush, as he is obviously going to have to find better ways to control the distubation of funds raised by the Republican National Committee.

With best wishes,


Phelps H. Swift

CC: The Honorable Clifford Hansen

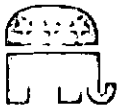
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The Honorable Teno Roncalio

✓ Mr. George Bush

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Republican
National
Committee.

George Bush, Chairman

August 31, 1973

Mr. Paul P. Swett, Jr.
Suite 404, The Quadrangle
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Dear Mr. Swett:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 22. I must confess that I do find some major points of difference.

Let me summarize them this way: I have spoken out over and over again against Watergate; its connotations, its ugliness, the sense of betrayal that I personally feel about it, etc. etc. But I have not lost confidence in the President, and I do not feel that the head of the Party should publicly kick the President of the United States.

I have been in public life for some time and I can tell from your letter that you knew my father was too. The concept of "enemies list" is appalling to me, so is the attempted prostitution of the great institutions of government. But going from there to having the Party jump away from the President of the United States is not to me at least, a reasonable, thoughtful or practical course of action. I want to do something constructive for the Nation (your words), and I'll be darned if I'll let this Watergate mess get out of perspective. It's ugly, it's bad, but the Country is still great. The mandate for which our Party was elected in the fall of '72 is still valid. We will work for campaign reform, but I'm not going to permit Watergate to obscure the very positive aspects of our Party and for that matter of our President.

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Very truly yours,

George Bush

*Swett, Paul P. Jr.
& Watergate*

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PAUL P. SWETT, JR.
SUITE 404, THE QUADRANGLE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21210

September 7, 1973

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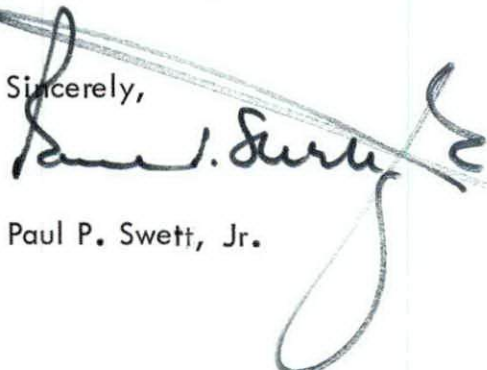
Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

Your letter of August 31 is very clear but I regret it does not convince me. Watergate is far more than Watergate. I consider it clear evidence of a weak, dangerous administration. Nixon has let us all down in every way! By the way I am sure you well know he never received a true mandate. You know the full story. I am sure you are not deluded as to the truth; the whole thing was a mess.

It's time both parties swept clean. You have answered me forcefully in the negative but I still don't know what you propose to do constructively. You mention "working for campaign reform." How? when? and what more. Don't respond if you are too busy. I am sure you'd like to make a substantial contribution (not money) but it doesn't come across and I seriously doubt if it can with Nixon and Agnew in office.

Sincerely,


Paul P. Swett, Jr.



Republican
National
Committee.

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George Bush

August 23, 1973

Mr. Paul P. Swett, Jr.
Suite 404, The Quadrangle
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Dear Mr. Swett:

Chairman Bush is out of the city and in his absence.

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of August 22.

Please know that it will be brought to his attention
as soon as he returns to the office.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny
Secretary, Mr. Bush

PAUL P. SWETT, JR.
SUITE 404, THE QUADRANGLE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21210

August 22, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

I well recognize that one should not be governed by a "dead hand" but I can't imagine your illustrious father would agree with your support of President Nixon, particularly his speech of August 15 which was, in my opinion, inadequate and an insult to our nation.

It seems to me that you have a great opportunity in your position to do something to really strengthen the Republican Party (and let the President go his pathetic way.) Need I remind you that by supporting the President you would appear to be giving credence and acceptance to (1) the Cambodian bombing (no matter how Nixon justifies this, he is morally wrong), (2) the confusion between the FBI and CIA, (3) the prolific wire tapping, (4) Attorney General Mitchell and Maurice Stans, (5) the enemies list, (6) dubious relations with the Internal Revenue Service, (7) the obvious contradictory statements of the Watergate Senate Committee's witnesses, etc.

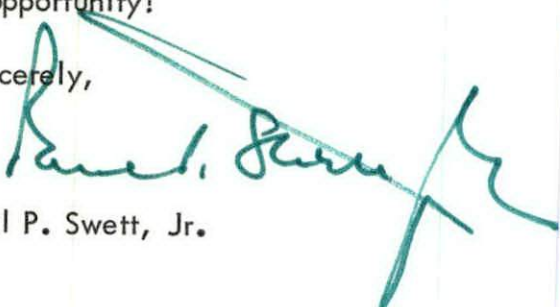
I can't believe you personally can accept this situation. Why not do what you can to withdraw the party from this mess. The people responsible for it should be blackballed from every political organization. You have an opportunity to do something constructive for the nation when it desperately needs it.

Mr. George Bush
Page Two
August 20, 1973

The pictures of you as shown on BBC London indicating by your hand at your throat that you are "fed up with Watergate" does no one any good. We cannot afford to be "fed up with Watergate." Its clarification and the elimination of any future such situation should come before anything else in our country.

Please seize your opportunity!

Sincerely,


Paul P. Swett, Jr.

P.S. I hope you will take time to read The Sunday Times of London editorial attached.

PPSjr



THE SUNDAY TIMES

The undenied political crimes

IT TAKES a considerable effort, in high summer in England, to confront at its proper level the Senate investigation into Watergate. The material is too copious, the biggest headlines are too small, and the human capacity for astonishment is only finite. But boredom is inexcusable and indifference is worse. The testimony of H. R. Haldeman, with its cunning selections from the forbidden tapes, was Mr Nixon's alter ego speaking. By further muddying the evidence of John Dean, it has induced in some people doubts, of which the President must be given the benefit. But if that feeling were to become widespread, it would be further evidence—the most shocking yet—of the amputation of moral and political faculties which Watergate has brought about.

For what, at bottom, was Mr Haldeman saying? Like Mr Ehrlichman, he was amplifying the position the President himself tried to establish in April and May. His concern was not so much to deny that dreadful deeds were done as to distract attention from them by claiming that they were not the issue. Two themes have been used to this end. The first is that the President himself did not know what happened. The second is that, even if all these things happened, they could be justified by reference to national security.

But as the horrors unfold, it is becoming ever harder to be seduced by these contentions. For one thing they are gravely contradictory. If neither the President nor his most senior aides approved certain actions, it would seem that the judgment of what was justified by national security was being made by junior people whom the American electors scarcely intended to entrust, even vicariously, with such a judgment. Moreover, this claim casts doubt on the quality as witnesses of those who make it. If national security justifies the burglary of Dr Ellsberg's psychiatrist, it can surely be made to sanction bouts of calculated amnesia before a Senate committee.

When Mr Nixon himself speaks, as it is promised he will in the next three weeks, he must know that these diversions will no longer work. He refuses to give the Senate tape recordings which apparently could prove whether he or Mr Dean is telling the truth about one aspect of Watergate—whether and when the President personally knew about it. But under all previously accepted conventions of political responsibility, that evidence (if reliable) would be merely marginal. Under those conventions, what happened would be more important than who knew about it. And it still is.

It is not deniable that the Democratic headquarters were bugged and raided: that Senator Muskie was the victim of base fraud: that Mr Nixon's opponents were oppressed, by the hundred, by organs of the State: that the President's most senior law officer was complicit in illegal acts of several kinds: that the judiciary was interfered with: that businessmen and corporations were offered relief in return for contributions to the Republican Party: and that a massive conspiracy existed to pretend that none of this happened.

→ For political leaders to accept responsibility for the acts of their subordinates is the only way modern government can work. They cannot conceivably "know" of everything the government machine does. They take the credit for what it does well and the blame for what it does badly. Mr Nixon, in a desperate bid for personal survival, has tried to change these rules. Yet the rules are rooted in real life. And in real life it is these terrible perversions of the democratic system which alone have destroyed Mr Nixon's political authority. Asserting this rests on nothing so trivial as being pro- or anti-Nixon—that is decidedly not the issue. It rests on the simple realities of the Presidency which only works if friend and enemy alike can acknowledge the authority of the man who holds the title.

Onus on Portugal

Sypher, E. G.
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Watergate

June 5, 1973

Mr. E. G. Sypher
Box 73, St. Johns' Post Office
Brooklyn, New York 11213

Dear Mr. Sypher:

Thank you for your good note of May 22nd.

This is a troubled time for our country, and I have been deeply concerned by the entire sordid Watergate affair which was the product of the actions of a few misguided, very irresponsible men who violated a high trust and who served neither the President nor our country well. The criminal justice system will work in this country and the truth will be revealed. The guilty will be punished and the innocent exonerated.

It is important during a time when it seems that so much is at stake for the American system to keep a proper perspective. I think in the coming weeks we are going to see more return to civility on all sides and a proper sense of perspective regained by all, including the press.

I am confident that we will weather this storm and that out of it will come a strengthening of our American system and its political process. We will be working hard here to continue to build and strengthen the Republican Party which will, I hope, continue to merit your good confidence and support.

Thank you again for writing. Attached are some comments which I have made on the Watergate issue which I thought would interest you.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

Attachment

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was being watched, and to believe the gleeful exploiters of the arrests would soon drop it lest it blow up in their faces. Considering all the obvious dirt on so many "pointing fingers" (even if the knowledge of ~~it~~ ^{that dirt} can't be or isn't worth court-proof). I kind of still believe that will happen. The arsonist who yells fire & hangs around to watch the excitement generally outsmarts himself - or so they say, and I believe it.

— E. G. Sykes

Hon George Bush
Chairman
National GOP

310 - First St SE

Washington

DC

20003



From E.G. Sypher Box 73, St John's
MAY 25 RECD Brooklyn NY 11213
to Hon. George Bush — May 22, 1973

I believe 2 things contributed to the Watergate catastrophe.

- 1) In 1960, 1964 and 1968 elections, certain "Progressive" GOP state hq.s operated as bottlenecks between the National Committee and the local clubs; thus, bypassing the national committee made sense, as campaign supplies are useless if not in hand before the last pre-election day weekend.
- 2) The Dem. hopefuls and their supporters were coming d. q. close to treason in their efforts to manipulate America's enemies into allies in our domestic politics, and hunting headlines & broadcast exposure.

My first reactions to the Watergate arrests were to give thanks that what I called treason →