

**COMMENTARY** Each week  
of letters cascade into  
the Personality Parade  
department of this pub-  
lication.

Prior to Watergate, 70  
percent of our letter-  
writers signed their names.

Since the Watergate  
scandal, 70 percent of our  
letter-writers request  
that only their initials  
be published.

Here is a sampling: "Do  
not print my full name.  
I don't want the FBI  
investigating my family...  
Initials only, please.  
Wouldn't care to make the  
Enemies List...Under no  
circumstances are you to

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use my name. I've had  
enough trouble with the  
Internal Revenue Service  
...Just print, if you use  
my letter, the name Mary  
B. I'm afraid of being  
hassled."

It will be years before  
the FBI, the CIA, the  
Justice Department, the  
Presidency, and various  
other branches involved in  
the shabby Watergate mess  
regain the confidence and  
respect of the American  
citizenry.

The major crime, the  
heinous sin, of Watergate  
is that it instilled in  
the hearts and minds of  
Americans a fear of their  
own government.