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STATEMENT OF REP. GERALD R. FORD (R-Mich.)

While a partisan majority of the Special Subcommittee whitewashes Justice Douglas in its conclusions, the contents of its 924-page report condemn his conduct and cry for more searching inquiry.

Aside from legalistic arguments, over the past decade Justice Douglas' extensive extra-judicial earnings and activities have impaired his usefulness and clouded his contribution to the United States Supreme Court. I am of the opinion that he did practice law in the course of these non-judicial pursuits, did intervene improperly in affairs outside the scope of the judicial branch of the government, and did show poor judgment in his personal financial transactions, to say the least.

Mr. Hutchinson's cogent Minority Views should have been unanimously subscribed to by the Special Subcommittee. Not all the evidence is in nor has it been tested in the normal way. Only an excess of personal or partisan loyalty or a failure fully to study the documents can explain an attempt to close the case at this point.

I return to the guideline of a great Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the late Benjamin Cardozo, with which I closed my April 15 speech to the House.

"Not honesty alone, but the punctilio of an honor the most sensitive, is then the standard of behaviour."

If one uses the Cardozo standard rather than the Rifkind standard, Justice Douglas clearly fails the test of good behaviour.