

Nixon Family's Concern Expressed by Daughters

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The Lure of Secrecy [Editorial]

President Nixon's speech to the former prisoners of war at the White House yesterday was an impassioned defense - not of telling the truth or of obeying the law or of dealing fairly with one's adversaries - but of secrecy.

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The characteristic feature of [the] climate in which unethical and illegal activities flourished was secrecy, an obsessive secrecy which is redolent of a police state and which has no place in this democracy. But like the Bourbons, Mr. Nixon seems to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing. A man who can exalt the value of secrecy after the ordeal of Watergate is a man willfully incapable of learning from experience.

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