Weeping with Nixon, Up and Down

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There had been the slush-fund scandal in the middle of the Eisenhower campaign. Mr. Nixon, under orders from the general to prove himself "clean as a hound's tooth," had delivered the Checkers speech which brought millions in the television audience close to tears, and the general had pronouced him "my boy."

On hearing the news, Mr. Nixon fell against Senator Knowland's lapel and wept. There are pictures of it. His old acting coach at Whittier College, upon seeing them, is said to have boasted, "I taught him how to do that."

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