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Letters to the [illegible]

A Nation in 'Clear and Terrible Danger'

To the Editor:

The testimony given [illegible] by Mr. Ehrlichman [illegible] Richard M. Wilson [illegible] legislation on national security [illegible] legal the [illegible] Daniel Ellsberg [illegible] the Watergate [illegible]

Some [illegible] Nixon Administration [illegible] Nixon and his [illegible] Social [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] Enabling Act [illegible] to rule by decree [illegible] certain checking provisions [illegible] were never observed, on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the German people in a crisis situation.

For many years Nazi decrees carried as a preamble a reference to the Enabling Act. In this manner the Weimar Constitution was "legally" rendered inoperative, although it was never formally abrogated. German courts today, in trying Nazi criminals, have [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Ehrlichman [illegible] Daniel Ellsberg, Mr. Ehrlichman [illegible] Why, after all, should [illegible] Nixon over a little [illegible] burglary?

If the views of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ehrlichman are not shared by the President, he ought to denounce them immediately, with an appropriate expression of horror and disgust.

If, as I suspect, Mr. Nixon shares these views, then it is about time for those who once protested against the use of words like "Nazi" and "fascist" to describe the Nixon regime to admit that they were wrong (at least in spirit) and that a clear and terrible danger confronts this nation.

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