

**To the Editor:**

In the current agony over the Watergate scandal ... why all the solicitude toward Richard Milhous Nixon. Even the most vociferous critics of the gangster tactics emanating from the White House are quick to shield the President.

I remember enough about Mr. Nixon's political methods to balk at absolving him. In fact it would not surprise me if it did not turn out he not only knew in advance but that he was one of the architects of the whole disgraceful episode.

Why? Because his "instinct for the jugular" has always been his campaign style. Because the Watergate kind of thing is characteristic of his ethical level

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