

To the Editor:

I was intrigued by Bruce Herschensohn's March 5 Op-Ed article, "On the Unmaking of Presidents," in which he asserts that under "the Doar-Jenner guidelines," virtually all past Presidents would be subject to impeachment. Mr. Herschensohn's imaginative attempt to link Mr. Nixon's actions with those of other Presidents misses the crucial point entirely.

If Mr. Nixon is impeached, it will not be for using his Presidential power but for abusing it in a unique way.

Were 25 members of Thomas Jefferson's Administration indicted or convicted on criminal charges? Did Woodrow Wilson use methods of debatable legality to avoid paying his taxes? Did Harry Truman or Franklin Roosevelt set up a secret agency in the White House to carry out admittedly criminal acts? Was Abraham Lincoln's Vice President forced to resign as a convicted felon? Was Eisenhower widely suspected of personal dishonesty? All of these things and more apply to Richard Nixon. That is why he is in danger of being impeached.

Surely the United States is strong enough to survive a test of the charges against Mr. Nixon in an impeachment proceeding. It could even survive his removal from office.

JUDITH S. LOHMAN
Syracuse, March 5, 1974