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To the Editor:

President Nixon has continued his spring offensive. In a literal sense his latest strategy seems designed to offend the public. By coming clean with spicy transcripts, Mr. Nixon hopes to substitute candor for truth. This X-rated performance promises to raise voyeurism to new heights as President Nixon reveals (almost) all that went on Behind the Oval Office Door.

Shock and tease us, but don't let us have the real thing. Presidential pornography—without redeeming social value.

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