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Comment by Hiss

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Alger Hiss, the most famous target of Richard Nixon's post-war anti-communist investigations, said yesterday the President's resignation can mark "a new era of justice in our country."

In a brief statement to newsmen from his holiday residence here, Hiss said, "I would hope that this resignation will not diminish our people's search for truth which should continue with-

out interruption."

"This can be the beginning of a new era of justice in our country which no one would welcome more than I," he said.

Mr. Nixon played a key role in the investigation of Hiss, a State Department employee who was accused of having passed documents to a communist agent. Hiss was convicted of perjury and jailed but never tried for espionage.

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