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Q. I understand that three British paperback publishers are bringing out President Nixon's transcripts to the House Judiciary Committee under the following titles: The Cheapening of the Presidency, The Profane President, and Expletives Deleted. Is there any truth to that story?—L.N., Greenwich, Conn.

A. Three U.S. paperback publishers have brought out versions of the Presidential transcripts, but they do not bear the titles you refer to. As of this writing no British publisher has published the transcripts, although there is talk that several recording companies will release albums based on the transcripts.

Q. Ever since the Watergate break-in almost two years ago, President Nixon's critics have urged him to come clean. So finally he does by releasing more than 1200 pages of White House conversations with Dean, Haldeman, and the rest of those guys. And still his critics complain. That seems to me most unfair. Seems to me there is no way Nixon can win. Isn't that so?—R. Hernandez, Los Angeles.

A. Unfortunately that is so, because for what went on in the upper echelons of his Administration, Richard Nixon was responsible or irresponsible.