

To the Editor:

I am puzzled by those who seem to think that impeachment of the President would result in some sort of paralysis of the United States Government. Not many years ago we had a President assassinated while in office. It seems to me that this was as much or more of a trauma for the nation, and yet, the Vice President took over smoothly, and the nation survived.

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Salisbury, Conn., April 1, 1974

### Mansfield's Mistake

To the Editor:

Senator Mansfield has stated that there are enough votes in the House to impeach President Nixon but not enough votes in the Senate to convict him.

There can be no valid evidence as yet for either opinion, since the case for impeachment has not yet been presented to the House, nor has the Senate trial taken place. Pronouncements such as this from Senator Mansfield are premature, improper and prejudicial, whether they are based on his own opinion or on a poll of Congress.

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New York, April 2, 1974