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The "reign" of Richard Nixon was rotten for reasons worse than Watergate, the John Birch Society said yesterday.

"The entire Watergate affair has served to distract the American people from the far more serious crimes and misdemeanors of the Nixon administration," Birch district governor Charles R. Armour said in a statement.

"We have often stated that, if he (Nixon) were to be impeached, the reasons should include a foreign policy which is deliberately designed to weaken the United States while strengthening communist tyrants and dictators wverywhere."