

For a Watergate Pardon

To the Editor:

It seems quite clear from the closeness of the election returns that President Ford did not suffer a loss of votes because of the Presidential pardon of former President Nixon.

Both candidates were asked by reporters during the campaign about clemency for the remaining victims of the political vendetta instigated by the Democratic Congress, a pardon for the prisoners of Watergate. Both President Ford and candidate Carter were uncomfortably vague.

However, it seems to me that a new era of good feeling could be inaugurated if the Democratic Congress should pass a resolution calling upon President-elect Carter and President Ford to prepare a pardon for all the prisoners of Watergate, all of whom believed they were acting in the best interests of America, a pardon for Mitchell, Haldeman, Erlichman, Dean, Hunt, Barker, Colson and all the rest.

Perhaps then some of us diehard Republicans could judge with an open mind the efforts of President-elect Carter and the Democratic Congress.

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