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## Exploiting Watergate

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To the Editor:

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Former President Richard M. Nixon's request of the Supreme Court to bar public distribution of the White House tape recordings because of the likelihood that they would be publicly exploited is an understandable objection. By the same token, of course, I assume that Mr. Nixon will not publicly exploit for personal profit his own participation in the Watergate affair.

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