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### Mr. Agnew's Stand

To the Editor:

The basic issue raised by my criticism of recent statements by Joseph Rhodes Jr., seems to elude you. [Editorial June 18.] At issue is the ability of Mr. Rhodes to perform the job assigned—that is impartially to collect and evaluate the facts about campus unrest.

Mr. Rhodes has already reached some stunning conclusions without a factual investigation. Among other things, he proclaimed that "Governor Reagan was bent on killing people for his own political gain." You apparently did not consider that statement indicative of disqualifying bias.

Ask yourselves, gentlemen, and answer honestly—what would your editorial reaction have been if a conservative person on a panel investigating police deaths from left-wing militant action stated, "Ralph Abernathy was bent on killing people for his own political gain"?

Of course, we know Mr. Abernathy would not do that; but we also know that Governor Reagan would not do that. The question is would you or would you not then have felt that such an extreme and unwarranted conclusion by a member of a quasi-judicial body was reason to demand his resignation?

SPIRO T. AGNEW  
Washington, June 18, 1970

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