

What's Happened to the Campaign?

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..... The tone of Moynihan's present approach is arrestingly expressed in his claim that Mr. Nixon is "as much an intellectual as any President in modern times."

But what is Moynihan's proof? The answer, literally, is that Mr. Nixon told him so. The article [Life, 1 Sep] says: "I heard him say just that - 'I too am an intellectual' - to a dinner at the Hotel Pierre."

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The point of all this is not whether the President's policies have been good or bad. The point is that highly intelligent men now think that the way to find favor with the White House is to repeat utter nonsense just because Mr. Nixon happens to mouth it. ....

See also Tom Braden, New Orleans States-Item 26 Sep 72, this file.