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Clark MacGregor's Statement on The Washington Post

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Following is the complete text of the statement read to reporters Monday by Mr. MacGregor.

According to the Gallup, Harris, Sindlinger, and Yankelovich polls, the political leftist movement known as McGovernism is about to be repudiated overwhelmingly by the American people. As it should be. But, frustrated, twenty-six points behind in the polls, with three weeks to go, George McGovern—and his confederates—are now engaging in the "politics of desperation"; we are witnessing some of the dirtiest tactics and hearing some of the most offensive language ever to appear in an American presidential campaign.

Lashing out wildly, George McGovern has compared the President of the United States to Adolf Hitler, the Republican Party to the Ku Klux Klan, and the United States Government to the Third Reich of Nazi Germany. His personal assaults on the President have been characterized by such terms as "most corrupt," "murderous," and "barbaric," and his running-mate has served as an echo chamber.

And The Washington Post's credibility has today sunk lower than that of George McGovern.

Using innuendo, third-person hearsay, unsubstantiated charges, anonymous sources, and huge scare headlines—the Post has maliciously sought to give the appearance of a direct connection between the White House and the Watergate—a charge which the Post knows—and half a dozen investigations have found—to be false.



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The hallmark of the Post's campaign is hypocrisy—and its celebrated "double standard" is today visible for all to see.

Unproven charges by McGovern aides, or Senator Muskie, about alleged campaign disruptions that occurred more than six months ago are invariably given treatment normally accorded declarations of war—while proven facts of opposition-incited disruptions of the

President's campaign are buried deep inside the paper. When McGovern headquarters in California was used as a boiler room to rally hard-core anti-war militants to confront the President—that was apparently of no significance to a newspaper which has dispatched a platoon of reporters to investigate charges that somebody sent two hundred pizzas to a Muskie rally last spring.

Why hasn't the Washington Post investigated—The Molotov cocktail discovered on October 8th at the door of the Newhall, California, Nixon Headquarters?

The extensive fire damage suffered September 17th to the Nixon headquarters in Hollywood, California?

The arson of September 25th which caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the Nixon headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona?

The extensive window breaking and other trashing this fall at Nixon storefronts in New York City; Arlington, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles County?

While the Post itself openly and actively collaborated in the publication of stolen top secret documents of the Government of the United States sixteen months ago—today, it is faking shock and outrage at some obvious volunteers who were allegedly spying on Larry O'Brien.

Like George McGovern, who personally encouraged Daniel Ellsberg to commit the deed for which he faces a possible 115 years in a Federal Penitentiary—The Washington Post is a hypocrite. While each crime is reprehensible, which is the more serious? Stealing top secret documents of the Government of the United States; or allegedly stealing Larry O'Brien's political papers?

The purpose of the Post campaign is clear: To divert public and national attention away from the real issues of this campaign—peace, jobs, foreign policy, welfare, taxes, defense and national priorities—and onto the phony issues manufactured on L Street and in McGovern headquarters.

It is said that this is a dirty campaign, but all the dirt is being thrown by only one side. The mud slinging, the name calling, the unsubstantiated charges, the innuendos, the guilt by association, the character assassination, the second-hand hearsay are all tactics exclusive employed by the McGovernites and their apologists. President Nixon will remain on the high road, discussing issues of real concern to the American people in a fair, forthright, and hard-hitting manner. The American people will apply a single standard in judging the performance of Richard Nixon and George McGovern, even though that essential fairness is not exhibited by The Washington Post and a few others.