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Editor — Jeb Magruder equates his actions in planning and covering up an act of political espionage with William Sloane Coffin's anti-war activities, adding piously that "two wrongs do not make a right." He fails to see the ethical gulf between the surreptitious, self-serving nature of Watergate (we now learn that no "national security" was at stake; the motive was to "get" Larry O'Brien) and Dr. Coffin's public defiance of the law, the latter a classical example of civil disobedience. Magruder is betrayed by his own comparison.

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