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Presidential Counterattack?

To the Editor:

I hold no brief for Vice President Agnew and have generally deplored his public addresses, but Machiavelli is still in the White House, and we should take the current attack on Agnew with appropriate alertness. There is much talk of Nixon's counter-attack, but you surely don't expect him to be straightforward about it? What better way than to deflect attention onto Agnew? Agnew may or may not be involved in something, but the timing of this release and its premature character has all the earmarks of a Nixon ploy.

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