

A Mandate Subverted

To the Editor:

With typical defiance, President Nixon proudly informed a group of veterans recently that he had personally authorized the secret bombing of Cambodia in 1969.

Before his re-election last year, he had the lid clamped on his secret and was not boasting about it to anyone. By November 1972, any valid excuse for official silence had long since disappeared, but Nixon knew that he could lose millions of votes if the public discovered that he had ordered a secret attack on the territory of a neutral country. He deprived us all of what we needed to know.

A democracy stumbles when its people are kept in the dark. An incumbent President who deliberately hides his own actions in order to assure re-election is guilty of subverting the people's mandate. This is high crime and warrants impeachment.

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