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The Ford Foundation's Rebuttal

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The giant Ford Foundation has described as "unfair and unsupported" charges by Nixon speechwriter Patrick Buchanan that it engages in partisan politics.

Buchanan, testifying before the Senate Watergate committee, said he stood by a memo he wrote charging that Ford and some other big foundations promote the liberal Democratic viewpoint.

A Ford Foundation spokesman said Wednesday that the foundation abides "scrupulously by the letter and spirit of the laws" which require tax-exempt foundations to use their funds in support of educational and charitable work only.

The foundation promised a full rebuttal to Buchanan's statements after a study of the hearing transcript.

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