

To the Editor:

William Safire's Sept. 27 piece castigating the Watergate committee with his muddled metaphor of the "beached whale . . . wheezing and blowing in its final throes" and praising Patrick Buchanan "who struck a blow for Banquo's profession" clearly reveals the slick manner with which one bad speechwriter upholds another.

Buchanan agreed with everything Senator Talmadge pointed out as dirty tricks and then proceeded, in almost every instance, to label the tricks as normal politics. If this is striking a blow for Banquo's profession, then Mr. Safire had better read up on his Macbeth, for Banquo's "profession" happened to be that of a noble warrior thane so straightforward in his actions that he was murdered for being so.

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