

Watergate: The President, the Congress and the Constitution

There is one reason of overwhelming force why Congress should authorize Judge Sirica to appoint a special Watergate prosecutor in spite of President Nixon's appointment of a successor to discharged Archibald Cox. If Leon Jaworski proves good enough for the job Nixon has given him, he will necessarily be so good that Nixon will fire him too.

However, if Mr. Jaworski quickly demonstrates that he has what it takes, he could receive a supplement appointment by Judge Sirica, either with the moral support of a concurrent resolution of the House and Senate. That would keep him—or any other Sirica appointee on the job in spite of anything President Nixon could do.

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Why don't the news media lay off Watergate? We are all tired of it and wish the thing were over.

Why not let Congress return to its routine job of running the country deeper in debt and the administration to its routine job of giving the rest of the country to the Russians.

Both have both a very good job in their respective fields while the taxpayers struggle to find some way of paying for the mess they're making out of it.

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Two weeks ago while driving down Pennsylvania Ave. at night, I saw a UFO land on the White House lawn. Two strange creatures disappeared inside and when they came out they were each carrying a reel.

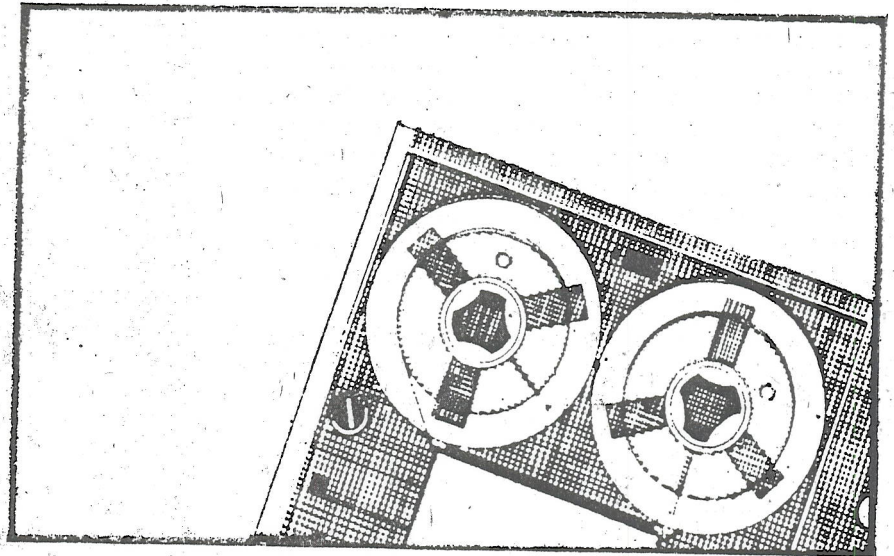
My only problem is this town has gotten so cynical no one believes me.

JOAN DOHERTY.

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When are you people and all the other people and newspapers that have a grudge against President Nixon going to calm down? It is indeed very easy to condemn President Nixon and his appointees when he's down. Investigate everything about Nixon, fine, but as the Bible says, "Judge not lest ye be judged." Maybe one ought to investigate all the people that are throwing stones.

I realize that America has many things wrong with it but the press has magnified the bad and helped to ruin our image in the world. It seems that you and the rest of the press don't



remember the good that Nixon and this country has stood for.

As a pastor I agree with Nixon on confidentiality. I think many pastors would be willing to go to jail rather than to leak something told to them in confidence. It is indeed a shame that the press and many politicians can't feel the same way.

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Not yet being a citizen I feel somewhat presumptuous in writing this letter. But, one can stay on the sidelines for only so long. Particularly one who respects and admires the founding principles of this great country. To see these principles defiled so flagrantly is distressing. For months now, one alarming revelation has followed another. We are being propelled through a nightmare of distrust, disillusionment and open defiance on the part of a damaging administration. This country needs to see the dawn of a new day, to smell the sweet, fresh fragrance of spring, to return to the principles and spirit that have made America great. The present administration has fertilized the seeds of distrust and disillusionment to the point where the roots are too deep to be dislodged. Only a new administration can herald the dawn of that new day we all crave for. Only the people can give themselves a new administration. Public opinion extricated us from a mess abroad. Let the voice of the people be raised to emulate this feat at home.

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I just heard a report of the two White House tapes "that don't exist." Innocent until proven guilty. Innocent until proven guilty. I have to keep reminding myself!

CARRIE ROBINSON.

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For five years we have been subjected to a constant drumfire of criticism and demands for the ouster of a courageous and capable President. The source of this constant, enraged outcry seems to be centered among two groups of so-called Americans: (1) Those who made up their minds long ago that they were against Richard Nixon no matter what, and (2) those who were yelping for a red invader victory in Vietnam. It is to President Nixon's credit that the above mentioned mentality is not in his camp.

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The authors of the Bill of Rights would find it significant that a chief executive and his branch of the government are obsessed with "leaks" to the press. Surely it is not by accident that freedom of the press is among the guarantees of the First Amendment. The sequence of priorities of the Bill of Rights was not mindless. There is in the First Amendment an implied articles of faith that these currently despicable "leaks," and other dodges of officious bureaucracy, would occur as the circumstances of liberty required.

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