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'Leave Mr. Nixon Alone'

To the Editor:

Neither the sordid story of the Mylai massacre nor the equally sordid history of "The Gulag Archipelago" suggests that freedom, life itself and compassion can be guaranteed by either superpower until each empire lifts up a humane and compassionate leader unfettered by fanatical dedication to either socialism or capitalism.

Meanwhile, history has cast Mr. Nixon in the position in which he has succeeded where all others had failed to break the psychological deadlock that has been leading the planet to destruction. The President has been tried and all but convicted by public opinion, but the President is not a common criminal. A broader, if not more compassionate, view is needed. We need to look ahead.

The removal of Mr. Nixon would simply place in his stead a man who appears to be the "complete" politician, and unbelievably shallow. Worse yet, if we elevate the Vice President, we give him a head start that could eliminate so desirable an alternative as a Rockefeller or Percy Jackson or Church. Let us leave Mr. Nixon alone.

Those who find the next thirty months difficult to bear might reflect that it is still vastly preferable to an additional four years of government by the same right wing and Southern racists who have again rejected the genocide convention.

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