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The Courageous Senator

To the Editor:

The statement of Senator Buckley in which he urged the President's resignation must surely rank with the most courageous ever uttered by a United States Senator, particularly in view of the Senator's previous record of solid support for the Nixon Administration. As a lifelong conservative, I have been outraged by the scandals emanating from this Administration and dismayed at the failure of conservatives publicly to address this issue squarely and truthfully.

The attempt to blame the media for the crimes of the President's closest associates and friends is in itself criminal. Whether the President was personally involved in the Watergate decisions is not the point. The fact is that a President sets the moral tone for his Administration, and a President who files unethical tax returns and uses millions of taxpayer dollars for the improvement of his personal estates is hardly likely to inspire integrity in his underlings and associates. In all of American history, we have never faced a similar situation of such unparalleled and pervasive corruption in a national Administration.

Senator Buckley has the total support of millions of concerned and disheartened conservatives who fully recognize that if the President continues to refuse the course of resignation the Congress must impeach and convict. I only hope that the Congress has the courage displayed by our great Senator.

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New York, March 20, 1974

Et tu, Buckley?

To the Editor:

Here is a short open letter to Senator James Buckley: *Et tu, Brute?*

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Brooklyn, March 20, 1974