

## **The President-Destroyers**

To the Editor:

Does any thinking person doubt for one minute that the hard line taken by Russia in our present negotiations would have been set forth had it not been for the "get Nixon at any cost" farce now going on in Washington, using the Watergate fiasco as an excuse, thus weakening our position?

No one would condone Watergate—it was wrong, stupid and unpardonable, carried on by rank amateurs, unlike the sly, skillful methods of obtaining information and money used in a few of the previous elections by President Nixon's opponents, who were far more experienced and clever at such tricks, and got away with them.

Though without question some members of the committee needling President Nixon are sincere, honest men, I believe most are using Watergate as a vehicle to keep themselves in the limelight for political gains, by dragging the sorry mess on and on, by making more and more senseless demands to try to implicate the President, without the slightest proof of any guilt on the part of the President. The diggers are appearing as paragons of virtue and honesty, while casting the cloak of villainy on their prey.

All this regardless of the perilous position it is placing our country in,

weakening our bargaining position with any and all nations. As I look at some less-than-perfect individuals intoning pious platitudes on TV, the thought occurs that it would be really funny were it not so deadly serious.

Here we are fortunate in having an incisive, keen-minded man as President, who has had the wisdom to select the most brilliant Secretary of State we have had in years. Together they have been able to stop a war inherited from previous Administrations, establish friendly relations with the two other most powerful world nations, and along with all this are successfully negotiating in difficult situations in the oil-producing Mideast.

Regardless of all these assets, small-minded politicians, for their own selfish personal gains, are willing, nay, eager to destroy our President by creating hate and anger in our country and, if