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## 'This Country Needs The Mind of Nixon'

To the Editor:

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste." That truism reminds me of Hjalmar Schacht, who was president of the former Reichsbank of Germany, and in a way of William Safire's recent column on Nixon.

Dr. Schacht was a financial genius. He invented the depreciated currency system of Germany in the late 1920's and early 1930's. He was not a Nazi, and at dinner I heard him make derogatory remarks about Hitler and the Nazis; I asked him whether he was not afraid to do this because of the possible dire consequences, but he was not, and nothing serious ever happened to him except he lost his position in the bank.

I spoke to Dr. Schacht in the period after the war, and he was unhappy because he was unemployed. He was so brilliant a financial mind that no private interest would employ him. I suggested he announce that he would never own stock in a company, only consult, and his great mind divorced from authority was again used and not wasted.

I have read Theodore White's "Breach of Faith," the articles in the New Yorker, and other articles about the evil doings of Mr. Nixon, but no matter how evil his acts are painted, no one has yet claimed that he does not have a great mind. I know of no one in our public life, or in any other country, with the mental capacity, planning ability and mental adroitness of Mr. Nixon, whom, incidentally, I have never met or seen except on television.

This country sorely needs the mind

of Mr. Nixon, but, as in the case of Dr. Schacht, divorced from power. I do not agree with Safire, who tones down what Mr. Nixon did by comparing him with other Presidents. It is too much like saying, "Every politician does it."

I hope Mr. Nixon can be brought back to advise our Government, because it is a terrible thing to waste a mind—especially a great one.

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