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Editor — In his letter to you July 2, Lanny R. Middings elo-quently described the achieve-ments of former President Nixon. In defending the past president the writer noted that Nixon "has never been convicted of any crime, nor has he ever been arraigned or indicted for a crime."

Middings is correct. But what he failed to recognize is that many people don't understand how you can pardon someone who has never been found guilty of anything.

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