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November 2, 1973

Senator Clifford Case
United States Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have voted for you twice. However, we have never heard of you mailing a questionnaire to your constituents as we received from Florence Dwyer and later after moving to Madison from Representative Frelinghuysen. Is it only to the labor unions that you lend an ear ?

In spite of our sincere belief that you do not care to represent the conservative branch of the party that you represent, I am writing to you.

The enclosed copy of an October 23rd. editorial in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune is too important not to be brought to your attention.

Very truly yours,

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Editorials:

A Legal Coup d'Etat?

The orchestration and choreography have been impeccable. The greedy motivation, disguised by skillful media manipulation, could not be faulted by Machiavelli. The stakes are the highest — nothing less than control of the Government of the United States.

“Across the nation calls for impeachment mingled with cries of amazement in an emotional outpouring reaction from America.” So read the AP's lead story on Monday afternoon after an extraordinary weekend during which, on the home front, President Nixon forced out of his administration three high-ranking members of the Justice Department, while, on the world diplomatic front, he and his Secretary of State negotiated with Russia an end to the Middle East war — and a consequent withdrawal of humanity from the nuclear brink.

Impeach the man who ended the disastrous Vietnam war — the fourth war in this century initiated under the leadership of the Democratic Party? Impeach the man who has achieved the impossible in bringing the real hope of peace between the Arabs and the Jews? The very idea will be viewed by history as grotesque!

But it has now become clear that nothing less than capturing control of our government is and has been the objective of those who cynically have exploited the scandal called “Watergate” to arouse the American people and in this process, incidentally, have shaken the confidence of our foreign allies in the American system, contributed to devaluing the dollar in world trade and endangering the detente achieved by President Nixon with the two Communist superpowers.

A coup d'etat has never been carried out in American history. But devious political exploitation of the unhappy events of the last year has now brought us perilously close to a coup — a coup not by violence and military overthrow but by skillful manipulation of the constitutional process.

The resignation of Vice President Agnew has set House Speaker Carl Albert, a Democrat, in line for succession

if President Nixon should die, be assassinated or removed by impeachment. His elevation to the Presidency would not mean merely a change in the man holding that office, but a complete change of the party in control, and of the Cabinet, and of all the apparatus of the Executive Department.

Senator Ted Kennedy's call for holding up senatorial consent to the appointment of Representative Gerald Ford as Vice President was the keynote speech in the campaign to obtain for the left wing Democrats what was denied them by the overwhelming vote of the people in the 1972 election.

Regardless of the rights or wrongs of the Watergate scandals, regardless of the legalistic question of whether or not privacy of presidential papers extends to presidential tapes, regardless of the multitude of petty controversies that befog the scene, the hard fact remains that the American people are entitled to a Vice President appointed and confirmed promptly under the provisions of the 25th Amendment of the Constitution.

Many sincere Democrats and Republicans have been stampeded into losing sight of what it would mean in division of our nation, turmoil in our government, temptations to rashness by our enemies, and peril to the foundations of our 200-year-old Republic should the President be hounded out of office. But the Ted Kennedys, the Tip O'Neils, the George Meanys and the Bella Abzugs who lead the pack baying for Nixon's blood know exactly what they are doing.

The basic tenet of this newspaper has always been that the American people, given all the facts and time to analyze them, will ultimately come to the right decision. We have not lost that faith. We believe that unless fate or events move so rapidly that discussion and analysis are stifled, the judgment of the American people will be to reject and condemn the insidious campaign to steal the Presidency from the man and the philosophy on whom it was bestowed one year ago by the majesty of the elective process.

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November 20, 1973

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Madison, N. J. 07940

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to have the opportunity to read the enclosure.

It is always my hope that I will be able to support the President but I am sure he does not expect me to vote contrary to the dictates of my conscience and my own best judgment of the interests of our state and nation.

I wish it were mandatory that every Senator had to send a report but the expense alone, I am afraid, would be prohibitive. The facilities of the Senate are strained with the relatively modest mailing list maintained by members and the mailing of the three reports-- one from each Senator and one from the House member-- to the approximately 125 millions who are eligible to vote of the population could not be handled by the Post Office, at least not as it exists currently.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case
U. S. Senator

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