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Clifford Case
Senate Office Bldg. #20510
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Case:

I am a senior at Bridgeton High School. My history teacher suggested that I write to you asking your opinion of Pres. ~~Ford~~ Ford's pardon of Nixon.

I feel that his move was partially correct, but I don't think he should have given a total pardon. I feel that ~~he~~ ^{Nixon} went through a awful lot during Watergate. I think he should have ^{had} some sort of punishment other than a jail term, for this may be setting a bad example for future presidents. Nixon shouldn't be punished for what he did in Watergate, just for getting caught at it.

I would appreciate your opinion of this action.

Thank you,
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Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

Dear Marianne:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am glad to have your views and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sharing them with me.

The President's pardon of Mr. Nixon was at the least untimely, and as I said at the time, I completely disagree with his action. While the pardon protects Mr. Nixon against federal prosecution for acts committed before his resignation, it does not preclude calling him as a witness in the trials of his aides scheduled this month. The testimony of Richard Nixon is, I believe, vital to bringing out the full story of Watergate. As I am sure you are aware, Mr. Nixon has been served with a subpoena, and Judge Sirica has taken under advisement his request to be excused. Meanwhile, the Senate has acted to preserve the tapes and files in Washington so that they too will be available to the Special Prosecutor.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case
U. S. Senator

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