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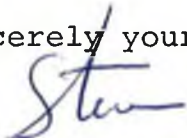
Dear Happy:

I just wanted you to know that I personally feel that the President stepped way out of line in going back on his previous decision with respect to the independence of the Special Prosecutor. While I do not doubt that he has the power to fire the Attorney General and the Special Prosecutor, the point was that a committment was made to allow maximum independence for the Special Prosecutor. No matter how embarrassing the investigation may be, we have a committment to the public to defend our actions. There is no question in my mind but that the President has received and is continuing to receive very poor advice. The people around him, Mitchell, Erlichmann, Haldeman and the others were not seasoned political veterans. Hopefully people like Jerry Ford, Mel Laird and Bryce Harlow will have more of an influence on the President.

The chips will have to fall where they may. I believe in supporting the President and I think what he has done in foreign policy has been truly significant for the cause of world peace. But, I see no reason why the President should continue to hide from public scrutiny and judicial process the acts of his subordinates, if those acts are criminal. The attempted decision by the President to flaunt an order of the Court likewise did much to undermine our position.

I hope that you will do everything possible to support the President but to let him know that the judicial process must go forward. Also, I feel that the White House should be told in every conceivable opportunity that they should be more careful on who they hire to advise the President. In my opinion if he had been more selective in the beginning with who he associated himself with he would never have been in this predicament.

Sincerely yours,



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Friend Steve:

Thank you for taking your time to express yourself as you did in your letter to me of November 1. I, too, feel that the courts should be in complete control of the matters that have arisen regarding the happenings of the Watergate situation and of those people the President has surrounded himself with. I feel that they have not acted as forthrightly as they should have, and I hope we will get to the bottom of this matter. I agree wholeheartedly with the last sentence in your letter.

Sincerely,

Happy Camp
Member of Congress

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