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The Honorable James R. Jones House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Jones:

JAMES R. JONES, M.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.

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This nation has undergone months of crisis, some of which was justified. Now we are hearing very disturbing rumors concerning the possibility that some of our legislators may be intent on prolonging the Watergate crisis for political purposes. It is inconceivable to me that men in the House and Senate would place personal political gain above the welfare of the nation.

I plead with you, Congressman Jones, to do everything within your power to bring this issue to a speedy and just conclusion. There is no way our nation can benefit by prolonging this issue.

Thank you for your fine service to the people of Oklahoma and the nation.

Sincerely, Lay Lope

Ray Roper Executive Vice President

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Mr. Ray Roper Executive Vice President U.S. Jayeees P.O. Box 7 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

Dear Mr. Roper:

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Thank you very much for communicating with me concerning your opinions on the question of impeachment.

After several resolutions of impeachment were introduced last year, the House Judiciary Committee was assigned the responsibility of investigating the facts to determine whether there was evidence to personally implicate the President in an impeachable offense.

A staff was assembled in December to begin this study. It is expected that the Judiciary Committee staff investigation will be completed sometime in April. At that time, the evidence will be presented and a vote taken to determine whether impeachment proceedings should begin or be dropped.

Most House Members, including myself, believe that we should keep an open mind and decide on the basis of the legal evidence which is presented later in the spring.

In the meantime, Congress has a full agenda of important business in the areas of energy, the economy, and other domestic legislation which will occupy my work and attention.

I do appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me, and I will keep these in mind at such time as I am called upon to decide on this issue.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES Member of Congress