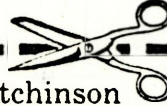


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Congressmen Peter Rodino & Edward Hutchinson
House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sirs:

I believe it's time for all Americans to support the Office of the Presidency. Please let the President get on with the job of solving the crucial problems which face America today.

Name Mrs. Opal Matthews

Address 1306 No. McKinley

City Sand Springs, State Oklahoma Zip 74063

Gentlemen:

I would like to appeal to you to use your influence to bring a halt to the Watergate investigation and get down to the business of running a government.

This has not only been time and money consuming, but is tearing our country apart. The fight for political power is doing what communist power could not do---destroying our government from within.

For God's sake! help us to again stand - - United!

Sincerely yours,

Opal Matthews

Carl Albert
Clem McSpadden
James R. Jones ✓
Henry Bellman
Dewey Bartlett
Tom Steed
Happy Camp

GM Watergate

February 5, 1974

Mrs. Opal Matthews
1306 North McKinley
Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063

Dear Mrs. Matthews:

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

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