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The Honorable James R. Jones  
United States Congress  
327 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jones:

You have probably seen the attached editorial by Mr. Ryskind. While I can't testify to its authenticity, it certainly offers some food for thought.

If what he has written is true regarding the aide working for the oh-so-pious Senator Tunney, it is a puzzle to me why such a story hasn't been broken with front page headlines and reported by the 6:00 o'clock "news" propaganda specialists.

But it really isn't a puzzle, as we in Oklahoma know, What makes headlines is that which makes President Nixon and the Republicans look bad. Nothing else is worthy of mention.

I would appreciate your support - and perhaps to a more vocal degree - for President Nixon during this trying time. I firmly believe that the majority of your constituents in Oklahoma demand your support.

Very truly yours,



Mr. Robert S. Ray

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Enclosure

# No Sauce For The Gander

By MORRIE RYSKIND

THERE MAY BE OTHER topics, but the morning mail brought me over 100 letters, all on Watergate; and, interestingly, only three were anti-Nixon. This does not mean that Dr. Gallup et al. are wrong in their figures—but it does denote that the grass-roots still trust the President.

Let me quote from two typical notes. An Indiana reader reports that in a recent poll taken by the Fort Wayne Sentinel, some 70 per cent said they'd still vote for Nixon, charges and all. And thus an Oklahoman: "Tulsa still remains a Nixon town."

Virtually all the letters assert the hullabaloo is politically inspired, and they regard TV as the main villain. Rightly or not, they distrust that medium's news coverage and echo the President's accusation of "outrageous, vicious, distorted reporting." If Mr. Nixon has a hard row to hoe to regain credibility among his detractors, TV has an equally difficult task.

I WOULD NOT IMPLY that all opposition to Nixon is politically motivated. Many have unquestionably been influenced by such demagogic

rhetoric as "this is the most repressive administration in our history."

No one can defend Watergate, but equally no one in his right mind can think that idiotic venture "the worst scandal in our history." And, as I've argued and shall continue to, what makes that fiasco more immoral than the successful Demo planting of spies in GOP headquarters? Yet the GOP banglers go to jail, while the Demo spies go scot-free. What is sauce for the goose is palpably not sauce for the gander.

Consider the case of "dirty trickster" Segretti, now in jail—where he ought to be, for this category seems to me the basest of all. In the Florida primary, he forged some letters on Sen. Muskie's stationery, which in effect implied Humphrey and Jackson were guilty of sexual misbehavior. This was not sent out publicly, for he realized such a charge would be laughed off. But he hoped the candidates would start fighting each other as a result.

TWO REPORTERS WHO covered the Florida primary assure me that nothing came of the plan. Certainly not one

word appeared in any of the papers I read or on TV. In short, its effect was about as great as Watergate. Nevertheless—and I cheer—Segretti's in the hoosegow.

Consider now a trickster employed by McGovern—who, I hasten to add, was no more involved than Nixon with Segretti.

Well, this young idealist was put in charge of the Jewish section of Los Angeles to get out the vote for McGovern. And he sanctioned the use of his duplicating machines to print a document that linked Nixon with Hitler. The headline read "Nixon is tafe"—that being the Yiddish word for "unclean," as opposed to "kosher". And the copy below told of the 6,000,000 Jews killed by the Nazis, with the clear innuendo that Nixon approved. And these were passed out and distributed over the Jewish sections.

Nice work, eh? The young man says now he's sorry—but so is Segretti. But Segretti's in jail—while this counterpart now serves as an aide to Sen. John Tunney, who has just asked Mr. Nixon to resign.

It just seems there isn't enough sauce for the gander.

December 7, 1973

Mr. Robert S. Ray  
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Dear Mr. Ray:

Thank you for your letter of November 30 urging my support for President Nixon. I was interested to read the article which you enclosed.

I can certainly appreciate your concern, especially at the overzealousness of those who are ready with hasty comments and condemnations before all the facts are known.

I feel that the President and the country deserve that the Watergate investigation be completed, but in the meantime our nation's present situation demands that all branches of the government cooperate in our country's interest.

You may be sure that I will continue to work with the President and with Congress to meet our nation's needs.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES  
Member of Congress

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