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Hon. James R. Jones
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sir:

Can an open society permit government deception to flourish?
Can a democracy condone repeated abuse of democratic process?
Will a law-abiding people tolerate lawlessness in the highest
office of the land?

Watergate has exposed deceit, concerted attacks on democratic
institutions and lawlessness in the Presidency. Mr. Nixon's
continued governance imperils the values and institutions of
the American Republic. As a native Tulsan and member of the
Oklahoma Bar, I respectfully call for his impeachment.

In order to protect ourselves against future Watergates, I hope
Congress will enact appropriate legislation to reduce substantially
the preserve of secrecy and "executive privilege" in Government.

Sincerely yours,



L. Michael Hager

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Mr. L. Michael Hager
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Dear Mr. Hager:

It was with great interest that I received your communication on the vital matter involving the President, the firing of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, and the attendant investigation.

We must now proceed in a nonpartisan effort to unite our nation and re-establish trust in our national leadership. To this end, the House Judiciary Committee is moving diligently and expeditiously on the confirmation of Vice President-Designate Gerald Ford, as well as on the questions of impeachment and an independent special prosecutor.

While I share your concern, what is needed is not a rush to judgment but an extraordinarily careful consideration of the facts involved based upon an independent, responsible investigation. Our nation is confronted with an historical crisis, and we will have to live with the outcome for generations.

Our democracy needs your support more than ever. With increased awareness and participation, and with renewed faith and patriotism, we will emerge a stronger, more united nation. As your Congressman, and as a fellow citizen, I appreciate your taking the time to express your thoughts on this most significant matter.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES
Member of Congress

P.S. I am enclosing two recent newsletters I have written concerning some of the questions surrounding this matter.

JRJ/LK