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Dear Sir:

Day after Nixon's birthday I watched late in night a discussion on Nixon. I found the discussion very interesting, but the telephone calls very dull. I could not find a telephone number to make a call, but at the end you gave your address.

I remember the year of Watergate well. I was laid off from my job at Western Electric after Nixon's signing ABM treaty with USSR. My budget was very tight living on unemployment insurance and I started to keep records of all prices. The inflation during Watergate was entirely out of control, but nobody paid any attention. I believe in that year the price of gasoline went first time over magic \$1 per gallon. The prices in supermarket were changed on daily basis. Some prices were not posted at all, they changed several times in the same day.

The whole world was astonished at the American politics and events. My relatives in Europe wondered whether Americans are really so dramatically stupid or played a poorly staged game of justice for purpose of everyone in need to get even.

I came from Canada in 1969. Actually I was for the first time in the USA on the day of Martin Luther King's death, when visiting Niagara Falls. The big depression of thirties froze the economical and social development to stagnation and WWII continued the same trend. Then came Eisenhower and you were all so very happy. The economy was booming; it was expected to last forever. And then in sixties America started to change after a long period of a sweet dream. The war in Vietnam was ending and economy was sliding.

Eisenhower was always depicted as benign fatherly man, not much different from Ronald Reagan. Father figure who was in love with his female officers, but sacrificed personal life for the country. Some of most vicious and unjust legal decisions are contained in Eisenhower's presidential rulings and Executive Orders. It was not Nixon's evil spirit, but spirit of Eisenhower and fifties. There were chamber communists of thirties and they were exposed. For a country with two non-ideological political parties, any ideology was unacceptable, except for pragmatism of making money. It was not left, or right, it was pragmatism. Nixon's social concepts may sharply conflict with his personal methods of accomplishing power. He had a goal. The other presidents were wilful instruments in performing political decisions for accomplishing economical goals of times.

The Watergate served its purpose. It closed eyes of the American public about economical decline caused by Vietnam war

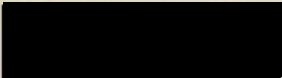
and America's leaving its leading role in world economy reflected in actual failure of US currency. In Washington D.C., a city, where everybody knew everything about everybody else, nobody needed to break in an apartment were election strategy of losers was entirely meaningless. Nobody expected to find anything.

Children like to play games. Some of them grow up abroad and live an adult life for which they are punished. Rest of them of them spend lifetime watching and playing games. Children are, often like animals, very cruel. Its typical to all sentimental and unrealistic little souls.

Watergate was a game. Impeachment was a revenge game. Cold war had to continue. And when it ended, the whole world economy collapsed. It was too long to be good and inconsequential.

The telephone calls, except for one, were sycophantic and gossipy. I was breathless to watch ceremonies marking funeral of a scapegoat for an economical failure of his predecessors. I realized at that moment, why we have no balanced budget. Why should we? Can we simply destroy economies of our competitors instead? Conceptual crimes are not crimes.

Eulogies made even my cat puke. I tried to cover her eyes, but she was insistent to watch.

  
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