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Dear Ms Swain:

C-SPAN is my favorite station and you are outstanding, but it was outrageous to allow this Jules Whitcover to be a guest on your coverage of the passing of President Nixon. I also saw your session with John Herbers (**New York Times**) and Howard Phillips (former Nixon staffer).

I fully agree with Mr Phillips. I am unabashedly one of those Americans in the "Silent Majority" in whom Nixon struck such a deep feeling of loyalty. I attended one of his presidential campaign political rallies in 1968 at the Fresno Community Center (Governor Reagan introduced him), and afterwards while standing alone just outside of the Center saw him wave back at me from his limousine.

The legacy of Richard Nixon is that of a great American whose presidency was destroyed by those in the media--with special credit to the **Times** and to the **Washington Post** and its star reporters (what's their names?)--who pursued their self-aggrandizing agenda at the cynical expense of the welfare of this nation and its people who overwhelmingly elected Nixon because they believed in his ideas and had confidence in his leadership.

It amuses me to hear how he "rehabilitated" himself after "being forced out of office in disgrace" because the "American people" demanded it. But it was the media, rather than the American people (the Silent Majority), who wanted so desperately to imagine that they had permenantly destroyed him.

He was so honored at his death because the American people (as well as people around the world) were with him then *as they are with him now*, having never stopped supporting him. The notion of "rehabilitation" then, over which his elitist liberal critics seem so amazed, is rather merely their delusion since he needed none.

I cherish the freedom of the press and speech as among our most sacred rights, but the liberal press appeared to have no sense of proportion or the damage it did which far outweighed the supposed benefits of driving the President down over his Watergate mistakes.

Of course he wasn't perfect and he acknowledged those mistakes, but it's easy to see how he could have let something like a third-rate burglary get away from him when his attention was focused on issues of such profound importance.

They say that Einstein couldn't handle the math involved in making change, but I guess since the press missed this "story" we'll just have to settle for having his legacy defined by, shall we say, somewhat more significant contributions.

In the Watergate story those reporters rose to their highest level of competency. Having found their level, this calibre of reporter is now forced, however tentatively, to make it look like they're on the trail of egregarious conduct by a Democrat President in order to try to fake us into believing that they're even-handed rather than being unmasked for pushing their own political agenda which was, after all, what Watergate was really all about.

Sincerely,

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