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Dear Friend:

Because of my assumption that you quite probably are as distressed as I am over having Richard M. Nixon as the next President of the United States, I am writing to tell you about a new book entitled The Honorable Mr. Nixon which I have recently written and published.

The only sharply critical book-length study of the Vice President thus far to appear in print, my Nixon book contains 224 pages of hitherto largely unpublished material. It concentrates on Nixon's earlier career, emphasizing the mud-slinging, character assassinating part of it that you hear virtually nothing about these days.

Specifically, I have tried to show the basis for the damning statement made by The New York Times about the one and only legislative measure Nixon introduced during his three terms in Congress; as you may remember, in characterizing the Mundt-Nixon Act -- the only bill to which our possible next President ever lent his name -- the Times said that, if enacted into law, it would place "restraints on freedom such as the American people have not known in 150 years."

I have also sought to demonstrate that it was Richard Nixon, and not the late Senator McCarthy, who introduced the idea behind the Republican Party's devastatingly successful slogan "twenty years of treason." And that, particularly because of his key role in getting Alger Hiss convicted as a "Communist spy," Nixon actually did more than anyone else in this country -- not even excepting McCarthy -- to obliterate all clear distinctions between such terms as unorthodox, non-conformist, liberal, progressive, radical, subversive, Communist, spy and traitor.

Above all else, I have attempted to indicate that the Hiss case, which laid the foundation for Nixon's subsequent meteoric career, is -- because of the unanswered and uncontroverted sensational (and almost wholly unpublicized) post-trial defense discoveries of the fake typewriter and State Department forged documents -- a moral outrage without parallel in our time.

It goes without saying, I trust you agree, that those elements of Nixon's background that my book focuses on are the very ones that are being ignored and glossed over completely today, as the nation's "one party" press builds up in the public mind an uncomplicated image of the "new" Nixon that has no relationship whatever to the man who was formerly known as an arch-conservative. With 96% of the press supporting the Republican party, there is no hope today of getting commercial reviews

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