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Dear President Nixon:

First the fearful and weak leaders proposed an World Jewish Conspiracy to blame their failures on, then they tried an International Conspiracy. Now, your weak and fearful administration has tried to take refuge behind a New York-Washington Media conspiracy. The television networks have been reporting far more fairly and objectively than any other media, taken nationally; their successes admitted by the VP are only differentiated from what he considers their bias by what pleases your administration.

Although he claims not to propose any government action on this front, his timing and the carefully chosen platform of the speech may presage a later attempt on your part to interfere with the freedom of information in regard to the news media. I realize that the Republican party is the heir of the Federalist Party which tried to repeal the Constitution with its Alien and Sedition Acts; but remember that as a result of their attempts they were turned out of office and their party disintegrated.

You have in recent weeks tried to infringe on Americans' freedom of speech and assembly; you now add freedom of the press to your list of dividing and undermining influences. I say they are rather the foundation and unity of our nation - try to abridge them and you will ruin yourself and drag your party into the grave with you.

The "silent majority" have shown many times in history that they can be fooled by a demagogue such as you are trying to create in the vice president. They have also shown every time that when they are awakened to the truth, they turn viciously on those who have led the attack and restore the democratic equilibrium.

The networks only crime is that they have given a platform to dissent. You have a platform in favor of the status quo by virtue of your office; the people have only the public media to register other alternatives and to give different interpretations of the administration's justifications. If the networks have overplayed the minority, it was because those minorities have had much to say that needed to be heard.

If you want to be heard on the networks, and even praised by the commentators at the end, next time why not try saying something? Instead of just replaying the old Johnson audio over a new Nixon video...

Sincerely,
Gregory Koster