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Nonsense And Secrets

The American taxpayer is now paying our Navy and Air Force to keep the North Vietnamese from receiving shipments of rice through Haiphong harbor. At the same time the U.S. Government approves supplying wheat and airplanes to Russia and China. That makes no sense.

How much of the secret \$10,000,000 Nixon re-election fund and of the \$700,000 hand-carried from Mexico for the Nixon committee was contributed as a kickback for special favors at the taxpayers' expense, such as guaranteed government loans or the dropping of prosecution of anti-trust or other cases? How much was used to purchase special favors not available to other taxpayers, such as a federal bank charter or manipulation of price supports to favor the contributor? I, as a non-favored taxpayer, have a right to know. The Nixon Administration has gone to extreme lengths to keep those secrets.

I as a taxpayer have a right to know what the Government is doing or plans to do with my tax dollars. The Nixon Administration has concealed vital information from us with regard to the war in Vietnam, the secret war in Laos, the use of American advisers in Cambodia, the build-up of troops in Thailand, the use of CIA airplanes in the ~~he~~ op traffic in Indochina, the siphoning of American tax dollars into private bank accounts of American-supported rulers of the countries of Indochina.

Even the past history of the Vietnam War, the story of how we got involved there, the Nixon Administration tried to keep from the American people. Those who have exposed the waste of the taxpayers' money, particularly waste in the Pentagon, have been harrassed, silenced, or fired from governmental positions.

I believe that George McGovern will bring honesty and openness to government. I know that his first act will be to end a war that has wasted our tax dollars, our non-renewable energy resources, and our sons' lives. Jane L. Weissman
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