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Senator Edmund S. Muskie United States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Muskie:

Permit me to commend you most highly for the forthrightness of your remarks on the present crisis on the Issues and Answers show Sunday afternoon.

I have sent the following letter to both New Mexico Representatives.

> Since Saturday night the issue has become clear that the President is in contempt not only of Congress but of the Courts as well. His actions in both domestic and foreigh affairs have precipitated the gravest constitutional crisis in our Nation's history: may the President exercise his authorityin disregard of the law? The resolution of this issue has been thrust perforce upon The Congress, which can no longer evade its responsibility to the American people or its duty to defend the Constitution

Congress should immediately institute impeachment proceedings to bring the President to trial for his misconduct and to determine his fitness to remain in office.

Yours sincerely,