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The White House,

*Washington, D.C., September 21, 1971*.

Hon. Sam J. Ervin, Jr.,

*Chairman, Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

Dear Mr. Chairman: In response to your letter of September 16, 1971, requesting me to appear before your Subcommittee on September 29, 1971, I wish to advise you that, as a member of the immediate staff of the President, I must respectfully decline the invitation to testify.

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein,

*Director of Communications for the Executive Branch*.