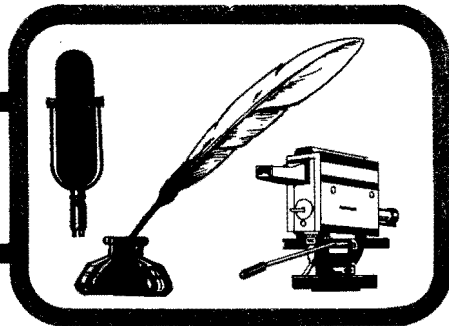


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STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE GERALD R. FORD

The compromise agreed to by the President and Sens. Ervin and Baker is an eminently sensible way of avoiding a constitutional crisis over the issue of the tapes. At the same time it serves the truth by making basic information available to the Ervin Committee and the court, and it does this without undermining the doctrine of executive privilege. I think Sen. Stennis is an excellent choice to listen to the tapes and authenticate the President's summary of the contents. Sen. Stennis is a man of the highest integrity. I believe this compromise will be acceptable to the American people. I hope Mr. Cox does not persist in refusing to accept it.

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