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THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID TO BLACK
AMERICA: "WATCH WHAT WE DO, NOT WHAT WE SAY WHEN
IT COMES TO CIVIL RIGHTS."

BLACK AMERICA HAS WATCHED, BLACK AMERICA HAS
LISTENED AND I KNOW THAT NONE OF YOU HAVE LIKED WHAT
YOU'VE HEARD AND SEEN COMING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

YOU AND I SEE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS TURNED
ITS BACK ON BLACK PEOPLE.

YOU AND I SEE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS SO
MISMANAGED THE AMERICAN ECONOMY THAT IT HAS PUT BLACK
AMERICA INTO A SEVERE DEPRESSION.

BLACKS ARE ONLY ONE-TENTH OF THE NATION'S
POPULATION. BUT TODAY BLACKS ACCOUNT FOR ONE-THIRD
OF THE NATION'S POOR AND ONE-FIFTH OF THE NATION'S
UNEMPLOYED.

THIS IS WRONG. THIS IS UNFORGIVEABLE AND FOR
TOO MANY BLACK AMERICANS IT IS HEARTBREAKING.

AND FOR ALL ITS PRESS RELEASES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
GIMMICKS, THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION CANNOT HIDE
THE SADDEST FACT OF ALL: THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS
TRIED TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRESS.

IT HAS TRIED TO TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK BACK
ON EQUAL HOUSING WITH ITS RETREAT ON THE GOAL OF PROMOTING
RACIALLY OPEN COMMUNITIES.

IT HAS TRIED TO TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK BACK
ON VOTING RIGHTS WHEN IT ATTEMPTED TO TORPEDO THE
VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN MISSISSIPPI.

IT HAS TRIED TO TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK BACK
ON ENDING JOB DISCRIMINATION WHEN IT DELAYED AND FAILED
TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO A STRONG EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION.

IT HAS TRIED TO TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK
BACK ON PROMOTING EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR
BLACK BUSINESSES BY UNDERFUNDING MINORITY ENTERPRISE
PROGRAMS.

AND IT HAS TRIED TO TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK
BACK BY FAILING TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL NUMBERS OF
BLACK AMERICANS TO POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY
IN OUR FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE.

AND I SAY TO YOU THAT RICHARD NIXON, SPIRO AGNEW
AND JOHN MITCHELL CANNOT TURN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK
BACK--NOT ONE SECOND, NOT ONE MINUTE, NOT ONE HOUR.

WE WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.

AND WE WON'T LET RICHARD NIXON AND HIS REPUBLICAN
FRIENDS GET AWAY MUCH LONGER WITH VETOING DAY CARE
CENTERS, CUTTING FOOD STAMP AND FREE LUNCH PROGRAMS
AND SLASHING THE POVERTY BUDGET.

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STARTING TUESDAY, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO WIND UP
THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLOCK AGAIN AND FOR RICHARD NIXON
HIGH NOON WILL BE NEXT NOVEMBER.



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