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c/s-2A
President Richard M. Nixon
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:


As a former member of the SILENT MAJORITY and new recruit to the VOCAL MINORITY (soon to be the majority), I wish to register my protest to your recent apology to President Pompidou of France.

Since when has it been the policy of this great nation to apologize for its citizens. 10,000 plus, VOTERS and TAXPAYERS exercising their legal and earned right to orderly demonstration do not call for an apology.

I resent your actions. I must protest that you do not speak for me. The demonstrators in Chicago were not "Kooks" and "Hippies", but rather honest, hard working, young, middle aged and elderly Americans who were protesting PEACEFULLY against one man's policies.

The only way these citizens could be heard was by this type of demonstration. Politicians can have "previous engagements" - the ordinary citizen must make his voice heard by way of an orderly demonstration.

I will not be silent next time. You Sir, have made me vocal.


BARBARA HOFER
Citizen