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K: Just about the most heartbreaking thing I've been involved in.

B: Was it difficult?

K: Well, it was inordinately painful.

B: I know, but did he understand?

K: Yes and no. He understood the arithmetic in the Congress and he understood what would happen if he fought to the bitter end and I think ___ energy in the committee.

B: I thought until the end that he might ~~be~~ keep on fighting ___ fortunately, that didn't happen.

K: That was awful.

B: I feel terrible about his family.

K: I spent three hours with him Wednesday night and it just about tore me up.

B: How was in family?

K: They weren't supportive. They wanted him to keep fighting. I would stake my life that he must have authorized clemency. We know Haldeman. He ___ by showing his manhood to the President.

B: That one was enough. Every friend he had on the judiciary committee switched immediately.

K: But I'm saying, what would have happened if he went on?

B: Some of the Committee people want this to continue.

K: But that can't be permitted. Enough is enough.

B: Exactly. We need to forget and I don't want to hear the word ~~watergate~~
Watergate.



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K: I don't want to see a former President of the U.S. in jail or in court. He wasn't a bad President.

B: The idea of equality is ridiculous after all, Nixon has been punished more than Colson who gets a year.

K: No comparison.

B: He had the most severe punishment.

K: A man who spends his whole life getting to where he was.

B: And the only President to leave the office in disgrace. To want blood after that is inhuman.

K: I'd go public if it happened.

B: You take the present ~~a~~ tapes, to whom do ~~they~~ they belong, to Nixon?

K: I agree with you. OK. Let's get together soon.

B: Yes, I want very much to, there's no much to talk about and we have new opportunities.

K: Exactly .

B: And this opportunity will be lost unless we move energetically with the next few weeks.

K: Right. ~~Let's~~ Let's talk about it soon.

B: Alright.

K: OK. Thank you.

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