

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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Dear Member:

The ACLU is in terrible financial difficulty. Unless we can raise \$500,000, not now in sight, we will be forced to make drastic cutbacks in our operations. At the very moment we must meet our Watergate responsibilities, and while our work to combat government secrecy, control the CIA's clandestine operations, and preserve privacy must continue, we are facing serious curtailments.

ACLU income has dropped sharply; the stock market plunge has badly hurt many of our most substantial supporters, and, in turn, they have cut their contributions to the ACLU. We have also been wounded by inflation.

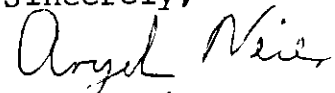
We have no place to turn except to you, the members of ACLU . . . to you, who have supported us in the past. If all ACLU members chipped in, we could raise the money. Realistically, however, we know many members are themselves victims of the faltering economy and that many more have already given us as much as they can afford. It won't be easy to raise what we need--though it will be easier if you respond to this appeal.

Your support will enable us to press forward with lawsuits which cannot be halted by President Ford's power to pardon.

It also enables us to push Congress for continued scrutiny of the Watergate events, and finally to end the cover-up. It makes possible our lobbying for legal controls on government intrusions into privacy and expansion of the public's right to know.

We need your contributions now more than at any time in my dozen years working for the ACLU. I hope you can help.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director