## STATEMENT BY THE REVERE SUN MYUNG MOON AMERICA IN CRISS AMERICA IN CRISS ANSWER TO WATERGA FORGIVE, LOVE, UNI

Ever since I was 16 years old, I have constantly encountered the presence of God. I have been able to share with the world numerous insights that He has shown me. On January 1, 1972 God spoke to me again in my pravers. He told me to go to America and speak to the American people about hope and unification.

In obedience to God's call. I came and began the Day of Hope tour. In 1972 Ltock this message to seven American cities. The carront rationwide speaking tour began in Carnepie Hall, New York on October 1, 1973, and will go to 21. American cities, disclaring a message of hope and unification.

Aher New York, Lipola: in Bahimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Wishington, D.C., New Orleans, Dullas, Tampa, and Atlanta. The kind welcome I received in these great American cities deeply moved me. Lam especially grateful to the mayors and other officials who responded by proclaiming. The Day of Hope and Unification." In their communities.

My movels in America have shown me a toubled land. The normal and spinnial dedine is maps and shockaring. Mony people are no longer proud to be Americans. The American nation seems mortally wounded in spint and soil by the trageby of Watergate We are witnessing a crisis probably arriprocedented in American history. The situation is very serious.

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We were all eve-wimesses to America's assassination of her President, John F. Kennedy, in 1963. But today, without relative tralleing it, America is in the process of slowly killing her President once again. A bullet killed Kennedy, yet the nation

united in a common feeling of sorrow and repentation. This time the "bullet" of harred and accusation is capable of destroying not only the President, but the nation with him. In a war of harred, no one is the winter.

All thinking Avertican people feel grave concern for the funare of their country. Some even, believe America has been struck a fatal blow. However, at this critical moment in American history it is disappointing and strange that no one is asking. "What is the will of God!" If America was condenved as "One Nation under God," then the answer must come from Him. Have we stopped asking?

Ibend my head and place my car upon the hearibeat of America. Thear no one seeking the solution from above. We keep on criticising, and the nation sinks — we criticize some more and the nation falls even further, deep into grown peel. Now is the time for America to neoew the bith expressed in her more. The God We Triat. This is the founding sperit that makes America great and unique. God bessed America because of this spirit. Furthermore, America is faitiling a vital sole in God's plan for the modern world. God is depending on America today. Therefore, the crisis for America is a crisis for God An answer must come from above, from God, from the one who has the answer. There proved to God americaly, taking Him to reveal His message. The answer came. The first word God

The answer came. The first word God spoke was "Forgive."

America must forgive. Whatever wrongs have been done, whatever mistakes are being made. America has a noble deed to perform. America must forgive. The Watergase affair is an error: not only the error of a few man, but the error of harmanity, the error of the American people. The Lord's prayer says, "Forgive tai our debn as we also have forgiven



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The Watergate is not merely a use of the Presideret. The Watergate is a test of America's faith. How will this ration stand before God withe midle of moral crisis? Can this nation, which was founded 200 years ago based on the Christian molinon, uphold that same modificon today? Can this nation prove in generosity and natural forgeveries? Can it love? This is the test for the American people. Long ago the American settlers on the New England shores made many grave moticles. But with their most in God they came through many crises. They could then lead America to prosperity.

The Bible speaks of the time the scribes and pharmees tested Jesus. They brought him a woman to be stored. She had been caught in the act of adultery. Moxic low demanded remibutive justice but, Jesus' message was forgiveness. He stood up and said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her," and they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even into the bee and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the mide. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw nene but the woman, he said unto ber, "Woman where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, 'No mar, Lond.' And Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I cordern thee: go and sin no more?" (John 8:3-12). Nobedy dared to cast the first store?

Who among you will be the one to cast the first stone? This is no time to cast stones upon your leader. This is no time to cast stones upon one another

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What do you do when a member of your family is in mouble? Do you criticae him and tear him apart? Of course not. You guide him. You condott him. You love him unconditionally. You belong to the American family, and Richard Noton is your brother. Will you not then love your brother? You must love the President of the United States.

This nation is God's mason. The office of the Resident of the United Status is, therefore, sacrad. Goding pred a main and then confirmi him as President through the will of the people. He lays his hand on the word of God and is sworn into office. At this time in history God has chosen Richard Noten to be President of the United States of America. Therefore God has the power and authority to dismiss him. Our duty, and this alone, is that we deeply seek God's guidance in this matter and support the office, neef. If God decides to dismiss this choice of Has, let us have faith that He will speak.

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In June 1972 it was discovered that a clandestine team commissioned to support President Richard nixon's re-election had attempted to wiretap the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the watergate office complex in Washington, DC.



Due to this scandal, True Parents worried that

Communism would take over the United States.

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> True Parents saw that America's spirit, faith and values were being tested by this grave crisis. On November 30, 1973, they published "The watergate Statement" in The New York Times, The Washington Post and all throughout America.

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Father said, 'Let's return to God.'

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> In order to return to God we need forgiveness, and True Father told the American people that in order to receive forgiveness they have to forgive. In the Watergate Statement True Father was declaring that we should forgive. If we cannot forgive the sins of others, we cannot be forgiven.

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At this time, many people criticized the unificationists that supporting Nixon. Due to this, Unificationists' movement was recognized as the political movement.



However, True Father never stopping the Watergate statement because he can feel the God's Will in the US.



The message 'Forgive, Love, and Unite' has been the motto of the unificationists for 40 years.

In this we are determined to awaken this nation to its national emergency. America must unite in her Christian tradition of love and forgiveness in the face of the grave crisis created by the Watergate affair. We hereby launch this National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis as a way to heal and unite this nation.



This is indeed a day of dismay and moral crisis. Yet this is also a great opportunity for America, an opportunity in which the American people can demonstrate America's true greatness in faith and courage. Historically, great peoples have proved their greatness not during normal situations but in crises.

This is the time the American people must act as a great people who put their trust in God. Then this day will become a day of new hope and unity.

"In God We Trust." In these four words lie America's key to survival and prosperity. America must live the Will of God—and God's command at this crossroads in American history is, "Forgive, Love and Unite!"

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