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Political Deceit in America

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The premises and conclusions are solely my own; I regret only the inability to argue the case more ably.

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## Foreword

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Since this book will appear during a Presidential campaign, the publishers have requested a brief listing of the reasons for my own particular challenge to the President.

As a junior member of Congress from a suburban district in California, favored with a lovely wife, four healthy children, a good house, and reasonable prospects for employment back home as a lawyer after leaving government service, there would seem to be little reason to make any challenge at all to a political system which bestows on a member of Congress the greatest of privileges and benefits.

There could be no more rewarding work than that of the careful legislative craftsmanship required in Congress to end the war in Vietnam, the seniority system in Congress, and racial discrimination. It was my hope to participate for some years in this challenging work and in the development of new national policies in land use and environmental protection. I would like nothing better than to continue to serve in the House of Representatives where both the greatest need and the greatest opportunity exist for competent making of laws that will set and implement new national goals and priorities, as well as simplify the overwhelmingly complex structure of tax laws and overlapping bureaucracy which has evolved in recent times and now threatens to crush us with its weight and complexity.

Why then the challenge?