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TV Ad Accuses President of Breaking the Law by Wiretapping Americans without Warrants

COMPARES BUSH TO NIXON

Calls for Special Prosecutor

MoveOn.org Political Action will launch a nationwide TV ad campaign on Monday accusing President Bush of breaking the law by wiretapping American citizens without warrants. The ad draws a parallel between Bush's actions and those of former President Nixon. It quotes Nixon's Watergate self-defense: "When the President does it, that means it's not illegal."

The group will call for a special prosecutor to investigate the wiretap program, citing Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' conflict of interest. Gonzales has made numerous television appearances defending the President's right to eavesdrop on Americans at home without warrants. He is scheduled to testify in defense of the program in front of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday.

"No one is above the law, not even the President," said Eli Pariser, Executive Director of MoveOn Political Action. "As Richard Nixon discovered, that's not the way our country works."

"The President already has the legal authority to wiretap terrorists and we, like most Americans, support that. But the President acted beyond that authority and broke the law. If he believes he needs additional authority, he should go to Congress for it," Pariser added.

"MoveOn members are pleased to join prominent conservative Republicans, including Bob Barr and Grover Norquist, who have also said that the President is breaking the law," Pariser concluded.

The script follows.

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TV :30

"Breaking the Law"

VIDEO

OPEN ON A CLASSIC BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO OF RICHARD NIXON.

AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): Claiming national security, Richard Nixon illegally wiretapped innocent Americans.

VIDEO

OVER THE NIXON PHOTO WE LAYER OR CORNER ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE OF NIXON.

AUDIO

NIXON: When the President does it, that means that it is not illegal.

VIDEO

BACK TO THE PICTURE OF NIXON, BUT AS THE ANNOUNCER CONTINUES, NIXON'S FACE BEGINS TO CHANGE, ALMOST IMPERCEPTABLY AT FIRST.

AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): We put a law in place to protect innocent Americans, allowing the president to wiretap for national security – but requiring court approval within days. George Bush is breaking that law.

VIDEO

AS THE ANNOUNCER SPOKE, PICTURE OF NIXON SLOWLY MORPHED INTO A COMPARABLE PICTURE OF BUSH. OVER THE NEXT LINE, THE PICTURE OF BUSH QUICKLY MORPHS BACK INTO THE PICTURE OF NIXON, THEN THE PICTURE OF BUSH. SUPER: "BUSH BROKE THE LAW".

AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): Are you having trouble telling these men apart? We had a special prosecutor then. We need a special prosecutor now.

VIDEO

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AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): MoveOn.org Political Action is responsible for the content of this advertisement.