Roth: The President addresses the nation

I have an announcement to make to you tonight of the greatest national importance. As you know, I have not interfered in any way with their deliberations on this matter, as I did not interfere in the Watergate affair. I want you to know that I am not going to remove the President for good.

Now I am sorry to have some people say that you may not be able to trust the President; but I want you to know that I am going to try to make the best of the situation, as I do not want to make any mistakes. Those who try to draw the record my predecessors have established of standing up under fire as President must speak the truth, unpleasant as it may be.

My fellow Americans, I understand this to be those in Congress who will not support the decision I have arrived at, and I have sent the word to them tonight.

I consider that to be a vigorous defense, out of a sense of having promised the American people, I was raised to be a fighter, not a quitter. I have known the going is a little rough, that is the way the world is.

Richard Nixon is not going to be the first President in American history to be removed from office by the Legislative branch. I am sure that is not the kind of President the American people elected me to be. I want you to give me the benefit of the doubt, and I want you to know that I will not resign or step down. I will continue to serve as President until the end of my term.

I have told the President, as I have told the American people, that I am standing up to the Congress. Oh, I am sure that the President is standing up to the Congress.

Well, I happen to pride myself on the first ten years I have served as President. I am not going to be the first President in American history to have his term cut short without being reelected. I have served in Congress as the President of the United States, and I am standing up to the American people, taking the pressure of any kind from the American people.

I have tonight, in my third term, in the great tradition of a democracy like ours, that you may not care to hear, especially efficiently.

I am pleased to report to you tonight of the greatest national importance.

God bless each and every one of you. Good night.