

Dear Dick,

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Up betimes, a favorite expression of a popular New York columnist your parents may remember but you can't, O.O. McIntire, at 3, by 3:30 I was reading some of the scattered notes on field office records Helen did find yesterday. Once again I was reminded and then while walking and later when writing, reminded still more, so on the first day after spring I sprang ahead and roughed the conclusion of the part I'm still struggling with.

It was so much on my mind that I didn't once in the many time I rested while walking read the book I had with me. I thought of it while walking, too.

It is so much on my mind that I just thought of something else and added it.

It just continues to grow, each shoot sprouting new shoots.

Reminded of so much in reading these notes I've decided to include a section on the incredible and almost unknown FBI domestic spying on ordinary Americans, not just the popular liberals.

I know this is growing like or more than Topsy and ^{ny}ay well be too big. However, I believe that first I should get what I can on paper and then cutting can be considered, not before then so that as much of a record as I can can be made, whether or not published.

What I'm working on will have to be a Part, not a chapter or introduction or preface.

Tentatively I'm considering it "For Understanding- and Context." Hardly what belongs before a "Prologue!" Or should as it does duplicate some of that.

How much too big is it? Before it are about 17,500 words and I've not yet read and corrected all of that and know I'll be adding more to it.

I hope it breaks naturally into chapters but I'm so lost in it I can't recall whether it does.

I send this in advance in part to further define what I'm doing and in part to get your reaction to it and ~~my~~ your opinion about whether or not it may frighten publishers.

I hope that what you've seen is new to you, as I'm aware details are, because if it is essentially new it has more meaning.

I don't see the times, for example.

Best,
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