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Dear S,

Thanks for the Xerox of the WIN commentary. Much of what they say is valid. They certainly intend honesty. Where they say what does not make sense, it is because they do not know they do not make sense, I am certain. When they talk of their "special Garrison investigation issue" they do not realize they are talking nonsense, that they published sycophancy.

Their problem is essentially that of apologists for the other side. They have no independent knowledge.

If John Nichols has not sent you a copy of the government's response to his brief, I have asked him to. As I can I am writing an analysis in the hope it can help him. I think he went off half-cocked, tried to warn him. There may be parts of it that should be footnoted. I will not be able to take time. If this were not already in court and if the prospects of a defeat would not be so hurtful I would not now take the time. I have my own writing I cannot keep up with and I have material to get together for my own lawyer. This I have to lay aside. I wonder if you, from your own experience, have any idea how much time cleaning up after others can waste?

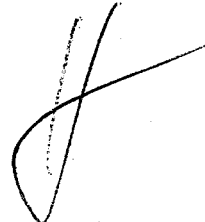
On the other hand, I also feel the more lies the government tells, the better off we are, ultimately. They cannot be honest, never are, and most of it may come from simple ignorance and taking the word of others on trust. None of their stuff can withstand analysis. It is barely possible I may get through to a few of them on this. I am trying, and with some of the right ones, on the operating and the policy levels.

I did hear today that one of the crew Mark turned off last June has told a mutual friend he is coming to see me. That I welcome. We'll see - if he does and if his mind is opened.

The second book has reached me okay. Thanks. Sorry I cannot get a copy of COUP back and that the promised copies have not been made.

Nothing else new here.

Best regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'J. Nichols', written in dark ink.