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Dear Jim,

I am reading the Mardian speech. Because I was of the age of understanding at the time of the Hitler ascent (I have reached p. 5) I tell you this is close to word-for-word the doctrine of his people whose backgrounds were legal or scholarly, the pseudo-moderate voice of extreme repression. The use of the Warren Report beginning on page three is enough for me to suggest that you send copies to Sylvia, Hoch and Schoener (for his friend Ned) at the least. This is a new statement of a new policy of justification for repression, and the extension of the "liberal" view to justify it is again a parallel with German history.

With "behavior pattern" as the standard, who is there who must not be spied upon for the "security" of the "President"? This gets even more explicit on p. 6 where it is claimed that there was in Sirhan's past what should have had him on a list and the subject of official spying. What? That he is an Arab? That he fell from a horse? That he had emotional disturbances (which certainly would have justified spying on the President during his brief respite from politics, when he consulted his own shrink).

Such spying would have prevented Kent State? (Where the murders are justified here and the lack of spying made to seem one reason they were committed.)

This is an unannounced declaration of new federal policy, in no way different than policy had been but being declared. It claims the federal need for total espionage on all Americans, with the need attributed to liberal thinkers and policies, Clark and Kerner in addition to Warren.

You will remember that the other day when you, Paul and I were lunching I said official statement had come to an exact parallel of the Hitler motto, "Ruhrig Muss Sein". It is here explicit, and order is a right supreme to all others, order as interpreted by Big Brother.

~~This~~, recall, is the head of Internal Security. His forum, the federal bar. What more appropriate occasion that "Law Day".

A few of your student friend ought have copies, too.