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Dear Both,

Thanks to Betsy for the cute card. But I want to assure you that I feel as I did and side from weakness and tiredness that is not bad. The Johns Hopkins hematologist referred me with a big ~~paid~~ puffing of him to a local hematologist of whom we knew only as an oncologist of whom friends have a high opinion. I see him the 10th. The only thing of which I now know is that there is a need for a polyp examination. My concern is that any invasion of the body is more hazardous for me than for most and that what is usually done to reduce the anticoagulation has given me complications three times. With the anticoagulation reduced for a short while and low before and after it there is some danger of clotting. Happened to me in hospitals.

However, with this appointment next week whatever will be done certainly will be past by March. Then I'll have to worry only about the need for another prostate job. The first one was done badly in all ways.

Rather a coincidence that Bill says you'll be backending atop a Cumberland Gap mountain this weekend. In a memo early this morning to younger friends about some of FDR's efforts to put people to useful work I cited that park as an example of useful things that could be done. As I recall now it was done by the CCC and the FWA, both Great Depression ^{at} agencies. I presume you'll be close to the falls at night to see the world's second moonbow? They did a beautiful job! I was there in 1938 and did see that moonbow. I think the only other one is the great falls of the Zambesi.

That Fox ~~King~~ show was both good and a great disappointment to me. When they approached me I refused to be on it until they assured me they'd not use any conspiracy theorists. In the past that has worked out that I am used to make them credible. I told the crew they were welcome to any documents they wanted and that I'd help but I refused to appear until they did give me assurances they did give. All the witnesses they used I told them about and the nonwitnesses save for one were of the kind they'd promised not to use. I do not recall whether I recommended Ramsey Clark or not. When they asked me about that poor Gracie Stephens I told them that violated our agreement. They assured me they were just doing some checking. Lane and Fauntroy are of greater responsibility than most others for all that went wrong after the evidentiary hearing. Both are real stinkers. And the show made them important and gave them credibility. Take these out and it is an accurate and good account. With them it is not good.

Glad you got more of Cooper's stuff out. I think there is nothing he had that was properly classified. The Top Secret was added by the court reporter to keep internal control. The commission lacked the authority to classify anything. It could adhere to posted classifications.

Throughout there is much that is provocative like the Weird Beard but I know of none of it that has any real significance.

Cooper's records should include some communications from Rankin among others.

I sent each of the Commissioners a short letter with the first printing of White-wash. I think it was 203 pages. I added a little more later. Cooper is one of those I do not recall acknowledging it. I don't recall any reflection of any of them reading it.

Ford thanked me and I think McCloy did.

There is one transcript that ~~is~~ remains withheld from me. I think it was 6/23. It is a transcript that was really withheld to protect Ford. He was the running dog for a sick gang of political and racist extremists in their effort to get Redlich fired. The Commission would not do it. The explanation in the lawsuit was that it was withheld to protect Redlich's privacy. Baloney. They disclosed some 300 of the nastiest pages to me earlier. This is how I know what Ford tried to do that day. There was no real reflection on Redlich in that nazi stuff. It reflected on those who spewed it out and those in Congress who agreed. There is no privacy issue for them. I hope it is there and you can get it!

Before turning to other mail a brief progress report. Wrono is catching up on the chapters, of which he had a few yet to retype, and on the typos, etc. in what he retyped earlier. It will go a little slower now that classes have resumed. He told me yesterday that I'll get another chapter day after tomorrow and with luck tomorrow some more corrections.

I am, of course, anxious for the retyping to be completed.

Thanks to you both.

Our best,

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