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Dear Nick,

Thanks for your note of the 16th. Probably an omniscient editor inserted the comment about me.

We await McRae's decision and Lesar is preparing to file more motions. We have developed more proofs, including on surveillances. It continues and all Ray's personal papers were taken from him by force. There appears to be no limit.

I do not think you swing either the LA Times or its book-publishing part. However, I'll tell you a story on the chance you know someone in the book end.

When I had to lay it aside first to prepare for the hearing and then to participate in it, I had almost completed the draft of a tough Watergate book. It has much that is new and an untold story of CIA domestic operations, including some of what it has done to me - the part of which I have documentary proof.

When the major media would develop no interest in absolutely solid stuff I developed as a consequence of checking out these improprieties against me I started a more definitive Watergate book. It grew too long so I laid about a quarter of a million words of that aside early this year and then began a book that requires neither retitling nor changing to accommodate what has come out since. It is titled The Unimpeachment of Richard Nixon. And nothing new has come out in the trials. Predictably.

Despite all the leaks and the extensive and often excellent reporting, there was much suppression. Much about Hunt, for example, and his connections and activities. It was child's play for me, without leaving home, to pinpoint the CIA's Washington "station" yup, we appear to be an enemy target to them - and some "bases." Hunt had unreported Nixon and White House connections prior to becoming a "plumber" and while he was officially with CIA and when he was covertly engaged in domestic activities with a Washington "cover" I have documented. The ramifications of this part alone are quite a story - an untold story. I of course do not want to give this away, but I'm trying to give you an idea of what I have in the event you can stimulate some interest. What was on those missing 18 minutes of tape, Rose Mary's boo-boo, I also know because I have what was given to Halde- man that he has to have told Nixon then.

You have seen some of what I have on Ford. It is in the new book. The Watergate book has more - different - and involving CIA domestic activity, written long before the current flap. This is but one of the reasons I say it is a tough book, knowing as I do that tough books are unwelcome today. We have a sort of monarchical attitude toward presidents. The doctrine of the book also is tough. It is my purpose to say how Nixon remained unimpeached and what had to be hidden by whom so he could be. It makes a case for saying that in time of real crisis all the protections and institutions of society fail. It is my belief that the more we kid ourselves about how well the system worked the greater the danger to the system and to meaningful freedom. With each institution I have specific and documented illustrations. These extend to what the CIA oversight committees then suppressed and remains suppressed, what the Watergate committee suppressed and what it misrepresented, again CIA and again domestic operations. I had leaks to me of what others would not touch. I was ripped off but I had duplicated some before the ripoff. The stolen stuff was pinpointed in the enormity of my files. It related to Hunt's domestic activities and to ITT and Agnew and the White House. Xeroxes, not paraphrases.

I do this in haste to make the only mail before the holiday. If you know anyone who could be interested, I'd appreciate help.

Sincerely,