

with PR when returned

Dear Dick,

1/3/74

You read the papers like the government handles the mails!

I did send you a copy of the book. It is out. My colleague borrowed the money to pay the printer, the way it came out.

AP, UPI and the Washington Post and its syndicate handled it as major news. The NYTimes did carry the AP story. More than a half column.

(The farther from Washington, except for the Post, the heavier the play. In Sacramento, Calif., more than 40 column inches on the front page.)

So, it is published. We need distribution. Bookazine and a DC wholesaler, District News, had copies but didn't put them out. Maybe, again too late, they now have.

So, here is another copy.

I know that records are turned out by record companies. The news stories here indicate several are considering books as part of the package. I thought I sent you a copy of a clipping indicating this.

In case the current, sponsored campaign against the CIA's excesses leads to a publisher re-evaluation of policy positions: I had almost completed a Watergate book of more limited scope before I had to lay it aside in September for work on the Ray (King) case. Almost completed a very rough and unread draft, that is. I keep hoping to be able to return to it. I was in the conclusions. There is nothing that has to be changed except for editorial reasons after the Impeachment proceedings in the House and the trials. It has what still has not come out, including on CIA domestic operations that are relevant to Watergate and some of the leading characters.

Because of the doctrine, that the protective institutions fail society in time of great crisis, instead of making additions I'll add footnotes that will read something like "This was confirmed months (or years) later during the Watergate 'conspiracy' trial." It is a tough book, but the kids will eat it up. If they can get to the table.

Hope you have a good year, all of you.

Best,

Hardy