

Dear Jim, I'll probably be treating Nixon as unrepentant, arrogant as ever, determined to follow the same wrong and wrong-headed policies, and not a whit less the authoritarian after WE and the attendant sensations. For this I think the Godley nomination (and persistence in it in the face of strong opposition) provides a fine illustration. HR has my VN files. Were I to ask him, he'd go over them and select out a few illustrative stories. In a pinch what the WxPost carried today would suffice. I write because you may recall enough to perhaps provide a few more pointed grafs on the specifics of his record. If you have time. And if you do NOT have to look anything up. Not worth that extra time...Today I got copies of several of my 1964 Nixon-VN stories that are not complete as my memory tells me but are more than enough to show he lied, deliberately, in that speech in which he claimed to have had no part in the war he inherited and his enemies started. It was good of Howard to find time for that because it tells me I am on firm ground in my recollections, in which I have less faith than I once did. He was fascinated by the story I'd told him about the Cummings house GL bought, so he checked it in the Times index and found it was 1/27/57 and instead of \$50,000 as I recalled, \$67,500. THAT house and all that land in that part of town? NEVER! (Wish I had time for a title search on this. It would show how much Cummings paid and when, how much GL did (and to whom if it was some kind of sweetheart deal))...Guess HR has made up the time he lost when he was here. Nothing new carbons don't report...Missed much of Mitchell because of Post conversations and decided to read unread stories instead of listening to reruns tonight. Fell asleep listening to last night reruns, having missed the hearing because I was in DC...Got interrupted toward the end of Moore, who is something else...Dash pulled punches on Mitchell. He was close to breaking. No member of the committee pursued, either. HW 7/12/73