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Dear Dick,

When Paul was here earlier this morning he was pressed for time, so there are some things I didn't go into.

If you look into Partin, in whom my interest had no connection with Hoffa, I would appreciate anything non-confidential having to do with his criminal activities and anything on any of his goods. I have small files on the two mentioned in the memo I loaned Paul, including police pictures.

I can probably get others of the series of affidavits of which I loaned Paul three, if you'd like. I've suggested several ways in which you can get these and more on your own. One is by use of the Freedom of Information law. You have the Attorney General's memorandum on this. I loaned it to MacKenzie or Ungar to make a copy. Under this law, you can probably get almost everything Justice has because the investigatory-files exemption does not apply to everything that was or should have been available to Hoffa under the rules of discovery and under the Jencks Act. This should include everything they have on Partin, as well as everything that could have been used to impeach him and any other witnesses used by the prosecution in all these many cases. Remember, Ziegler told you to use this law.

If the increased information on the Watergate is enough to prompt an interest in Nixon's personal affairs, I think it would be productive to go back to the Checkers speech and his first property transaction after it, the purchase of a Spring Valley home I knew fairly well from having known its previous owners, former Attorney General Homer Stille Cummings and his last wife. As I remember the address, it was 4812 Forest Lane. The street dead-ended on a circle on which this property is, on the south side.

A San Francisco magazine, Sundance, Ramparts and the Los Angeles Free Press all had long stories on Nixon and property transactions ~~slips~~ right before election. I have loaned my copy of Sundance to someone who appears not to have returned it. Parts of it duplicate (on Rebozo) what Hank Messick exposed in his Lansky. It also goes into Nixon's relations with the guy he visited in the Bahamas over the weekend. The one part of it that especially interested me does not check out insofar as it was checked for me. It gives his former wife's maiden name as Barker. With Bernard that, of course, was attractive. Florida records show two marriages, apparently to the same woman, both in Fort Lauderdale. In 1931, to Clare Gump. In 1946, to Clare G. Gentry. There might have been other weddings elsewhere. I don't know.

I understand the author of the Sundance piece is Jeff Gerth. He had been associated with Peter Dale Scott, of Berkeley, Calif. I heard he was recently associated with the Columbia School of Investigative Journalism.

Fred Cook wrote several articles on Partin for the Teamsters' magazines. I do not have them, have not read them, but can get them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg