

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
11/25/74

Dear Don,

Thanks for the 11/22 note.

Commentary on our times and who turns people on today has been crazy with calls from printed-press and radio Zodiac News subscribers but only one call I can attribute to Post or AP's stories! And both were good pieces, too.

The question is not longer one of finding holes in the woodwork. And it is past time for doing something about the worms! But I try.

I have had to lay aside so many times an almost completed draft of a "different" Watergate book! I've almost completed the draft, so I'll welcome anything you have but more for its future archival value. My stuff will wind up in some institution. Several have expressed the desire. Right now it is my one asset, so if Nixon-economics leaves any foundation with any resources and one gets interested, that will be the institution.

Despite the excellent straight reporting of straight leaks there was no "investigative" reporting. Between what I dug and what I put together (aka "screwed on") the content is substantial and new. The editing it probably needs discourages, though. Too many interruptions, the most recent on the Ray case. Terrible way to write.

Instead of Robert Bork I think you meant Joe Borkin. Never met Bork. I don't think he'd want it, anyway.

Last week Paul Valentine told me that I'd be hearing from Henry Allen on a Potomac "conspiracies" (I shudder!) project. Hasn't happened. I don't think they'll ever use the piece you did. But thanks.

If you can ever come up, please do.

And the first time I'm in DC and can stop off, I'll do it, thanks.

Until then, don't throw anything away on either political assassinations or The Watergate. I may not use any of it in writing but would like to leave the fullest possible record for coming generations of the young.

Thanks and our best,

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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Congratulations on your new book. Somewhere in the dusty files of Potomac Magazine there's a story about you and that strange McGovern letter. Maybe some day they'll use it.

I left the Post about a year and a half ago. I'm now covering the White House for CQ and freelancing. Just this minute I was flipping through my card file and updating entries when I came across your address, and I thought I'd say hello. Curious it should have happened on this particular date, isn't it?

I'm also teaching a course on the presidency at the University of Maryland. The other day I was talking with a student after class about Watergate and conspiracies in general, and I mentioned you. I remember Robert Bork telling me that he regarded you as one of those persons who went around fingering new paint jobs, like the Warren Commission report. He said he was sort of glad people like that are around, and I couldn't agree more.

Best wishes to you and your lovely spouse. May you continue finding holes in the woodwork.

Sincerely,



Donald Smith
Associate Editor

P.S.: If you ever are around the neighborhood, I wish you'd stop in. Or give me a call some time collect: (202) 296-6800 x214.

I'd be glad to load you up with some CQ Watergate coverage.