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Dear Js, The note of the 24th with the generous supply of interesting clips came this morning. During the course of the day I've gone over them and will comment on a few later, by the way, smiled in appreciation when I told her what you sent. It is the first time she has smiled in two days. She has had one of her sicker sick headaches and they are quite uncomfortable for her and worrisome to me, especially as with this one, when it settles in an eye. She has glaucoma and I'm always worried about the right thing to do. My instinct is to take her to the doctor but my practice is to let her decide and not to try and force her to do what she doesn't want to. She asked me to come and get her early yesterday, first time, and arranged for a replacement by the time I got there. Today for the first time she was ready on time. Last night she went to bed after almost no supper and tonight she laid down as soon as she had a light salad. She was awake when I got up during the night and gave her a double dose of strong stuff prescribed for this, and when I got out of bed at 5 she was still awake. My unmedical opinion is that these come from out tensions, largely or entirely. And the past two days were rather rough on my anxiety, yesterday preparing papers in the helicopter suit, not finished and exceedingly unpleasant for it means reliving a ghastly period, today dealing with an alienated nephew with serious criminal problems. So, getting my mind off these things is good therapy and I'm happy to have the excuse. The young man who sent you the Earth phoned (I have him your thanks) and that also was good, even if the content was not encouraging. I learned a bit more of Ned. He had succeeded in turning all the critical community off, but not one of those with whom he was in touch told me. The Webel transcript you had asked for when I offered it. The Earth I didn't know you get. Don't throw it away. If you don't mind the cost of sending it, I can find someone who can use it.

Please don't worry about not being able to reply. Sometimes, as with the patchcords, I ask you questions to which I can't get dependable answers here, but there is no rush. I will not be leaving on a trip until the end of the first week of May and I won't have tapes to dub of which I know until I return. I may not be able to go elsewhere, but I think I'll return via Knoxville and Memphis is I can swing a pad. I had dreamed of NOLA again for there undone things there.

Yes, if I didn't want to keep the N.O. clips I sent, which I do, it is worth knowing their content. But I'm keeping as complete a file as I can. We may have much more trouble there because the self-anointed is accurately described in the least flattering headline. He has crossed that thing line.

Enjoyed the Baker column and will send it to a friend who doesn't see the Times after mail is in condition to read again. The Buckley column on Benson, esp. with the thinking of that part of the spectrum, could make a fine novel.

The part of the Anderson column I sent, Klan, did not appear in the version in the Post. They sometimes cut. Glad to get. ITT does not duplicate what I have and welcome. Gets crazier and crazier, more and more obviously crooked. And the conflict, the company paying the lawyer who tells the doctors not to call the questioning off after she shows a heart problem and it continues until the attack! Wow! And total journalistic silence, even when there are signed articles and editorials.

One of the more interesting parts of Wardlaw's piece calling JG's view paranoid is what I did not see elsewhere, that the Shaw defense was unpaid but spent a quarter million investigating. That O'Hara had flipped I didn't know. Showed no signs in November. DePaul is the best psych hospital in the state, but the director, who sons edits and started NOLA express, told me it was, while the best, terrible. He is no exception to my experience, every shrink I've seen needs one. But a very pleasant guy and fine host. Drank up a night with him 1/69. Or 12.69.... The potential of the Hoax on Nixon reminds of Khrushchev's crack about the lone nut. ... There can be no doubt of Christianberg's prejudice. Any decent judge would have disqualified himself long ago. Whether JG is right or wrong, the federal judges are out to get him. I have some hair-raising stuff, a first-person.... I am without doubt that Shaw committed perjury, and I am full of doubt of the indictment, which is another way of saying JG never knew what he was into and never tried to learn. I'm opposed to using the stuff on which, if only indirectly, the jury did rule. I'm also opposed to the civil suit vs the prosecutor, aimed as it is not at recovery from him and from hurt to others. But the big boys haven't thought this through, including the Supreme Court. If it can be done with JG, every man acquitted in a political case, as Soledad brothers, even, has a civil action. When this dawns on prosecutors, the possibilities will be interesting.

Did you notice that the Court has accepted a case from Specter to limit Miranda?  
He is consistent.

Moorhead's comment is accurate, the government has a stinking FBI record and the press has shunned it. But he also has shunned what would make headlines with this hearing. These guys, the liberals, always manufacture trouble. They fear restrictive changes in the present law if they really do anything.

Now I'm going to read Russo before going to bed. I sent you a copy of my letter to Kelley which sets forth my belief in the most likely explanation unless Russo has more to say that appeared before this piece. Many thanks,

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HW:

Herewith some miscellaneous stuff, including the Russo article on Ramparts which we thought you'd want, and a fun piece on income tax returns we thought Lil might enjoy, particularly the signoff.

We've listened to the Jerry Ray tape and are returning it herewith in case you need it.

At your request, someone in NY named Jerry sent us a Nebel transcript with Lattimer, which is fine, Glad to have it. He also sent a photocopy of a long thing from the March issue of Earth on the CIA. Was this a mistake on his part, and do you need it? We already have that issue, so if you need it we'll be glad to send it along. When you have an opportunity please thank the NY Jerry for his willingness to help.

This also acknowledges your mailings of March 6, 7, 11, 14, 17 and 20, but unfortunately there's no time to reply. We've just finished a seven-day work week, and after another five days have to do a week on the graveyard shift.

We also have the two cassettes you sent. One we still haven't been able to audit. Both are welcome, and thanks very much.

Also enclosed are a few photocopies from New Orleans, some of which may be of interest. At least they'll bring you up to date as far as we're able.

That's about it for now, and best from us both,

  
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