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Dear Js,

Your postoffice out there is getting too damned careful. There is but a single stamp on your mailing of the 7th that I can use again. I took as hasty a glance as I could this a.m., noticed the request re Chile, put that and today's story in the envelope, and got to the other pressing things, some of which are enclosed. The Stoner stuff is incredible to me. He points his own finger at himself. What hewas to have given me is numbers. I did not have time to think it and the other things through, so I dashed them off to get them all in tonight's outgoing mail....The I had to wait 2 1/2 hours for poor Lil. Part of the time I dozed sitting up in her office, part reading Frank, whose book is probably the most skilled crookedness I have ever seen. I've read about the first 10, besides skimming.

Good God! what kind of shift does Jim work if he gets home after 7:15 a.m.?

Chile/Hanna: Think the Treas Sec was Humphrey, and their bad history is bad in this country to, . Think centered Cleveland. I was on edges of investigation of them 1936-4. The Minas Gerais story rings true. Brazil is loaded with natural wealth. Now there is one thing we did "for" them this program should have had, and I can't remember the name after all these years. We ~~built~~ built them a large modern steel plant in a remote area with poor transportation and not adjacent to the raw materials. Don't we love 'em? And at the same time prove how incompetent they are, they can't even run their own business efficiently.

On the dub, I'll ask Karnow if he wants and I'd like to hear experts on the current VN thing because I think Nixon has found the square room's fifth corner and painted himself in again. My belief is that this is their proper reaction to our "negotiating position".

Pin: No, Lil fell in love with it immediately. There were several things, as I recall, and her face lit up at that. She is pooped tonight and about to retire at 9:15.

Fascinating bit of Martha on Kleindienst. I suspect even Mitchell can't stomach him and Martha isn't bright enough to hide it. But Nixon needs the Goldwaterites.

Called Lil to see the pertinent comment you added to the Trickery Diclery. She enjoyed, too. Thoughtful of you to merely tack it on because I can now have it pristine, with the marvelous Se Dick See Dick Run caption. Only that Generation of Peace stuff seems a bit strained.

Poor Lil has just realized, "You know, that letter from Stoner could have a sinister meaning." I had to show it to her, but I hoped it would not dawn on her, that the rest would obliterate...Informants: Not special unless I do a book. I think I've interested a black writer in doing Desire, subtitle, Revolt of the Black New Orleans Ghetto. He is coming this weekend, for the weekend....Files: My Lai. Either I have it filed under a different name or I've given it to a young friend, Howard, to whom I gave my VN files going back to the early 60s, in the hope he'd do a doctorate thesis (book) with them. But if I find else - where, I'll send....ITT/Beard memo: Thing Eastland came forth and nobly took responsibility from St. Edgar's drooping shoulders....War Crimes: I have the Russell stuff, hearings, etc., if you want and don't have. Nothing else on war crimes as such. Cuban exiles, much. Repression, parts on parts, should you need. Press file on specific treatments only. Once I had an extensive one and a complete file of In Fact, if you were then here. Someday I'll get to unpack what is still in the cellar. Those files go back to the 30s....Holles' Lincoln Club piece fascinating! But I'm still looking for the "checkers" Club list...Glad get dupe Cook review to file under him as I have other under Frank....NYT Feltrinelli: I may yet write Sra.. Minutemen claim to have done Wilkerson job Greenwich Village. I have claim from them, +.. Chavez/Shears: I have filed under Informants...Thanks and best from both,

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It's 7:15 and while waiting for someone very tired to drag himself in, about half an hour from now, I can dispose of a few items in your letters of 27 to 31 Mar which came today.

ITT-Chile, Karnow 27 Mar. You ask if we want it. Yes, please, if you don't need it. We have a fat file by now on Kleindienst and ITT, including Chile; already have quite a bit on Chile beginning at the time of the Allende election and the assassination of Gen. René Schneider Chereau.

In the same note you say, "Too bad [Karnow] was in the orient at the time similar things were happening because this kind of plot is a lot less uncommon than is generally understood, often involves large corporations (like United Fruit and Guatemala) ...." If so, he might want to know of a very interesting program I heard tonight on KPFA, intv of a Brazilian geologist, Marcos Aruda, by Fred Goff of a group in Berkeley called North American Congress on Latin America. (Had never heard of the group before.)

NACLA made a study about two years ago of Hanna Mining Company, third largest U.S. iron mining company, headed by "the man who was Secretary of the Treasury under Eisenhower," which had acquired rights to the richest iron deposits in Brazil. (Brazil has 35% of the world's iron ore reserves.) NACLA was interested because the nationalist Goulart government had tried to "impede" Hanna's access to these deposits, but shortly after coup in 1964 in which Goulart was overthrown by military junta, Hanna obtained rights to the deposits they wanted. A pamphlet on Hanna Mining Company is available from NACLA at Box 226, Berkeley, California, 94701.

Aruda says a group of American technicians was sent to Brazil about ten years ago to map iron deposits in the state of Minas Gerais, which has one of the largest iron deposits in the world. Goff asks, "These were American technicians who went down under the auspices of something like the Agency for International Development, things like that, and were supposedly developing geological studies that were to be given over to the Brazilian - or to be made public when they finished? And what you're saying they did is that they gave this information to American companies ahead of time and allowed them to get concessions?" Aruda says that's exactly what he thinks happened, and that when the final report was published and available to Brazilian companies, they found that 97.3% of the total iron deposits of Minas Gerais were already in the hands of foreign companies, mainly American and principally Hanna.

Now it's 6 Apr, 5 a.m.

Marty Gehlen

Heard another interesting program tonight, Franz Schurman, Banning Garrett and/ on the current battle in Vietnam. Half hour. Will dub this for you and since we're doing it anyway, will dub the NACLA program on the back. Won't break our hearts if you don't want to bother listening, or haven't the time to.

We're delighted Lil likes the leather pin. We like them too and have bought several on each of our trips to Canada. As we understand it, one woman had the idea, started out by herself in a very small way, using leather scraps, then employed one or two helpers and now has other women making them for her in their own homes. Their individual styles are quite noticeable. I'd prefer to think that the one we sent Lil has remained on her coat because she enjoys it, but I wouldn't be surprised if it's because she's found - as I have - that the pin part of the thing is awfully hard to manage.

In your letter of 3/31 you say some of the clips you send may duplicate what we probably have but you include them because of the possibility of editing; for the same reason we're glad to have them. This happens often enough that now, if we have two versions of the same story, I read them both because many times the thing we find most interesting in one is left out of the other. Couple of nights ago I was comparing the NYTimes and Chronicle versions of the same UPI story about Martha weeping and wailing about Mitchell resigning. Perhaps the Chron story was from earlier wire story than the Times used or perhaps it was a space problem (although they featured it) but the Chron didn't

include the last two paragraphs carried by the Times: "She was not as complimentary toward his successor - Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst. 'I don't have any views on Kleindienst,' she said." The lady sounds snappish. Raises some interesting mental question marks, doesn't it?

Same letter, copyright page WW, Dell. When we sent it didn't know the problem was that of the fourth edition (not mentioned in your letter to Panzeca because presumably he already knew this). Ours is the first printing since we laid hands on it as soon as it was available, so the copy we sent isn't of any use to you. Oh well, throw it out - no, recycle it by using the back of it the next time you write us!

Same letter, 31 Mar: "Douglas, other informant stuff" - have a small file on informants, infiltrators, agents provocateurs. Any time you need, say.

As to our files, beyond those on the assassinations and associated stuff, China and the far east in general, they're "general subjects," Vietnam, POW's, Nixon Administration, Nixons, prisons, Angela Davis, Soledad brothers, San Quentin, Mylai,\* etc and etc\*\* Judging by the clippings you've sent, you almost know the headings on the folders, your "anticipation" of what might be useful to us having been so often on target.

One last item, and I must go. From story on Kleindienst/ITT hearings by John Finney, NYTimes 28 Mar: "The month-long investigation took a new turn today as the Judiciary Committee, according to an aide of Senator Kennedy, asked for a report from the Justice Department on how a memorandum by Mrs. Beard was obtained by [ITT] for its own analysis. .... Where and how the company obtained the memorandum in recent days for its own analysis is still unclear. Committee aides have insisted that the committee turned the memorandum over only to the F.B.I. and not to the company." This suggests the decision was the FBI's, as does the report by Denise Bourdet (28 Mar, of which we sent you transcription; last paragraph.)

\*In one of the letters in this last mailing you say you have some clippings on Mylai you no longer want. Would be glad to have them to fill out the file, if there aren't too many - can scarcely BEAR the thought of MORE CLIPPINGS around here - they're piled up all OVER!

\*\*war crimes, surveillance, repression, press, Cuban exiles .....