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Dear Js,

Wrlets 18,20,21, mailed 22, first Hal; I enclose copy of the slip, my "later 10/19. FYI, this is lsearer than the poor carbon. I used to use the carbon past Lil's use. Then I got a real "buy" at a local auction, not much better, a dozen boxes of new carbon. It was brand new, and apparently years old. So, usually my carbons for records I never expect to need are not clear. When I need clear carbons, I use good c. paper. So, if you haven't learned it yet with your own 3M, passing the white sheet through the heat unit the second time, face down, does blacked. This is how I sometimes improve poor Archives xeroxes. I've just taken a glance at t is because I'm still rushing, but that glance tells me you'll want to reread. My hunch is that you'll do best to say nothing unless he does. He may not have read it but if he did, he showed no resentment when he recently phoned me and in every way reflected the high regard he has always had for both of you.

Clips: for the most part, these are what I think will amuse you or what you may not see. In most cases, they are what "il clips thinking this re: me. This week she is working, helping a lawyer friend, so I'll be glancing at the paper if she does.'t, nights. In no case does this represent any real trouble and in the rare cases I want it back I'll so mark. Glad you find them interesting. We all have to do more than we can expect to really use to have a fair prospect of having most of what we may want. I've just given boxes (and I mean large cardboard vartons) of my SEAsia clips going back to the very early days to a young scholar who has some chance of usin them. He is astounded I had put it all tog ther so soon and I am astounded that everybody didn't. ...There are also books I hope to write, now amended to mean hope to interest others in writing. Desire (N.O.) is one. Chicago/Panthers (Poss title, Groth & Co., which you'd understand if you'd read COUP II) is another about which I'll make a suggestion to an editor friend. I have the grand-jury transcript and the fix is now on on Hanrahan. I knew of this indictment six weeks before it appeared in the Lerner papers, or knew that the grand jury had been infiltrated, meaning by public authority only, so that the one defense possible, pre-trial publicity, could protect Hanrahan, Groth & Co. COUP II shows how I was ahead on that, even to the elliptical forecast of worse to come, tracing it to Hoover's desires and approval.

Sony mike: don't spend money, please. Two real problems, one anticipated and not pressing: The built-in is quite adequate for most things but is not sensitive enough for good interviewing, even when both people are sitting on close-together chairs. I've tried it. Second, with some cassettes, an this happened ro me five days ago, they make enough noise to interfere with comprehensibility. My police frien's electronic expert is going to see if he can find a couple of Sony plugs for me. If he does, I can use one of my excellent Concord mikes with such a plug and be able to use remote switch on it and can also use a tie-clip mike, which would be a rarity, for I have two, one with a switch, the one I'd use, and one without, designed for such things as brief cases. The problem with all but the finest tie-clips is that they can't be used as tie-clips because they are so obvious. I will then see what I can improvise without ~~anything~~ clothing rustling ruining tapes. But this is even a rarity when I am away interviewing, which I now am not. I do hope it becomes possible and want to be ready if it does. I suspect that the one with the battery may be more sensitive, something like that. Never heard of one. If it is this kind and if I could hide it in my clothes and use it, it might have some value. But for most purposes, the regular mike, if sensitive, would be all I'd want. With my ConCORDs, I conducted multi-person interviews in large rooms with people far apart and gotten clear tapes. The VOM with my old cassette machine is far less sesnitive. I have two ot them and would not, ordinarily, convert one of them because it is inferior to the Concord. But if you do have what is really one you do not use, I'd appreciate it. If may eliminate this problem. Sometime when you can do it without trouble and extra trips, I'd be interested in knowing more about th with-battery one. It may have some future value.

Lil is not feeling well, but tonight I'll give her your letter about the blanket. I think she'll want to do it. I enclose a very rough sketch of the one she is now finishing up. I think it is great-and beautiful. It is for the first of a reporter friend. She uses odds and ends of wool she has accumulated over the years and the result is a very attractive mixture of baby-appropriate colors. If she needs wool, it is no problem here and she may have enough leftovers. She may not write immediately, but I'm sure she will when she feels better. Seems like nothing serious. She saw the doctor yesterday and seems a bit better today.

Hal's attitude: I think it may be that he is discouraged over his inability to arrange a single thing on FRAME-UP. I am certain he feels as I do, that Jim Eason is the one we expected would never be corrupted by success. He hasn't responded to Hal or me. We knew the old, really great Jim, and he was never like this. The last two times I did him, long ago but after he was at KGO, it was unsatisfactory for he was too important to take the phone in advance of airing, I had no idea what he wanted or may not have wanted, and was in each case in every way misled by his producer, one of the results possible being that Jim and I could have had different objectives, different shows in mind.

I'm filing JDW's 18 in my Garrison, arrest file, for he may have burnt out a main bearing, as he put it in translation, but he sure greased a case for entrapment, framing, etc. and destroys his own credibility as a government witness. Think of this: he now says, with no proof at all, that JG had been on the fix for all these years, when he handled the loot, yet tells Giquel the exact opposite? I'd appreciate two copies of the French original, one for Louis Ivon, who I may be seeing before too long. Perhaps I can get a good translation. This can be important, quite important. Anything you have on Gervais that you haven't sent can be, in defense and because he, too, will make a book. He'd really make a TV series, the crooked, honest cop rather ~~honest~~ honestly-crooked cop. G's writing seems faithful through bearing-burnt translation, for what you sent is vintage GG, both Gervais and Garrison, the real phrases I'm so used to. Not only is the incident about the governor faithful, but depending on his frame of mind, JG is capable of having said this to McK's face. I recall once when I was there and McK wanted a minor favor from JG, two of whose candidates he was making judges, which JG wanted, JG wouldn't take the phone or respond for three days, with no apparent reason and certainly no need not to. He rarely curses, but when he does, fuck is his favorite. It then becomes like "like" to today's kids.

I'm not taking the time to reread. If there is something to which I could respond and haven't, don't be ashamed to nudge. I'm trying to finish reading ms while I have critic here. Half done. F. Post is Frederick Post, local a.m., AP B wire. Olan: Hal has been there, and that he is still alive and okay is all I wanted to know. Address: parents'. KPFA transcript fine as is, thanks much.

Smoking almost back to abnormal moral with all the tensions. When things quite down again, back to the effort. I almost passed out once with a cold turkey and shrink recommended against even trying now. But I got down to four per day with relatively little trouble until my breves were set off by something out of the ordinary. If I am without company, only the usual serious and imminent problems and working hard I think I'll have little trouble getting down to four or less again. But with all I'm now coping with I think it would be counterproductive to try and am inclined to go along with shrink. If Jim feels the habit ones as I do, he is in worse shape. I reach for one each time the phone rings.

Again on Hal, why not wait and see what he shows or says? I think if he read it will make no difference. And he has a new girl friend, although he hasn't told me, and it seems to be working out some.

Best,