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Dear Harold:

This is mainly to get the Crewdson story to you as soon as possible, in case you haven't seen it.

While I'm about it, I'll note that we were able to find a copy of the New Republic with the Szulc article, so that's taken care of.

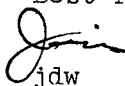
Thanks, we don't need the CBS transcript on Cobly's appearance on Face the Nation. We'll keep the tape a while anyway, and that should do us.

Herewith the tape on Lane's 26 Sept. appearance with Harv Morgan on KGO's Jim Eason show. We'd like it back eventually, at your convenience and when you're shipping something else, maybe. I didn't dub it because it wasn't clear whether you actually wanted a copy, although you seemed to be saying you'd like to be able to listen to it while you're driving. It has some interesting stuff, including an old Harv Morgan tape of an interview with one of the WC lawyers, Griffin as I recall it. No hurry about getting it back.

If you have noticed, or paid any attention to it, we would like to have your impression of something that has been going on along the West Coast and has been played big by the press here, but due to the WX Post's strike we have little impression of how much attention it has received in the East. The NY Times has used a couple of inside page stories on it. I refer to the mysterious operations of a couple called The Two who appear to have persuaded a number of people to give up all their worldly possessions except for their car (for transportation) and join them in Colorado to await a pickup by a UFO which will take them all to a higher plane of some kind in a movement called HIM (for Human Individual Metamorphosis). The Two are supposed to be beings from another planet. Thus far the story appears aimed mostly at highlighting the idea that anyone interested in UFOs is automatically a nut or a crackpot, and in that sense it could be what seems to be a fairly vigorous effort to prepare the public, through ridicule, for some coming disclosure which will accordingly tend to be dismissed as just another UFO crackpot story. However there are certain refinements about the The Two's operation which indicate a possibly broader purpose, such as laying the groundwork for a sort of all-purpose religious movement which could be used to exploit the enormous amount of emotion and energy the disaffected spend on such already-existing religious movements such as those of the Hare Krishna crowd, the followers of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, ~~Karshana~~ Maharaj Ji, Maharishi, and the usual assortment of transcendental meditation buffs etc etc.

The Two never appear before the press, but get lots of publicity. They want no money, which is sensationally different if you compare them with Dr. Sun, Maharaj Ji or the others. Even Billy Graham. In this light, this could be a very subtle and well-thought-out thing, and could be big stuff. Religious movements always have been used politically, but I can recall no instance of one being created for political purposes. You might keep your eye open if anything comes along.

Best from us, both,


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