

Dear Jim,

6/17/74

This is one day on which bad news may be bad news or good news, depending on the unselfishness I can summon. So before explaining, your letter and memo of 13th read and appreciated. Only enclosures read, Bittman' leaving H&H and CIA Said to Find 'Plumbers' Date" both valuable and quite timely, thanks.

Battery went dead as I was about to leave for special arrangements for xeroxing new stuff without mailing or trusting untrustworthy. I've also deposited carbon new book. (Thanks for thinking on this. Your ~~paraphrase~~ last graf says what I'm trying to do, say how he was not impeached immediately, not saying he yet won't be or will be, merely saying what he had to hide, how he did it, and what it was. With Whose help, on jobs and on covering.)

So, while I had motor running had to let it run until I could leave for town.

Optimist: ten-year car, paid for 5 yearz guarantes.

Anyway, phone went crazy with calls two of which may interest you: Breed says he is to have answer on insurance tomorrow, affirmative to be followed by a deal; and Don Edwards called to say a mutual friend, unnamed, told him he should see me and he is to come day after tomorrow, after impeachment hearing. I hope he is trustworthy! And I may wind up again having to give all this work away. I'll talk to Lil about it, but I think I have no real choice. Except to trust him and rush and hope.

Everything at once! When you see the new stuff you'll understand why it also has to be an immediate, and I have no help, not even for the mechanical part of pasting the pages to standard-sized, blue-rule offset-ready sheets I had made years ago. It will probably wind up with me having to pay every cent back first and then sharing with Jim, who did the legal work free.

Dates: if I didn't mention in in the enclosed of the previous mailing, I think I had a note of an 8/2/ either 72 or 73, more likely latter, story on Hunt's trip to Mexico from L.A. with Jackson. Probably NYTimes. I have a Post story quoting Jackson at the tail end. He had been a witness and the Post had spoken to him a month earlier. He denied what his secretary or receptionist had said. Please don't either or you break your backs on this but if you can find it easily it would be better to be able to cite a source on Hunt also going there for reasons you will in time see. I have a chapter titled "The Connections of I 'The Mexican Connection.'" I do have a case that while not airtight is enough to take to court on an entire subrosa company operation.

So, I guess I'm going to have to go back to a four-hour night again!

Thanks abd best,