

PG: If you see today's (9/9/72) Jack Anderson column, don't be taken in. It is still a defense of the US and the CIA in the heroin business although pretended to be otherwise. He cites self-serving CIA "secret" reports that says too little about what has been well-publicized. I imagine they were prepared for him and officials. And he limits blame first to Laos and then to generals and princes we ostensibly don't control. Our responsibility is limited to the misuse of our aircraft, tsk, tsk. No mention of Vietnam. None of Thailand. These are the major US interests today, not Laos. The average American, seeing no mention of VN, will assume what he is talking about is minor and doesn't involve our boys at all. And conspicuously missing from the third of the column devoted to it is any estimate of the volume of narcotics involved or the percentage of the world market. To his readers he has already conveyed the notion that the real trouble spots are in South, not Southeast Asia. ...His role in all this obfuscation is not more clear. One thing is: he has to know the net effect of his columns, as he must also know what he is writing around. IM