

Dear Jim,

1/17/77

If I did not expect to hear from Leasr, who is down in Washington, or Lil, who is down in the basement, I'd be working on something else. Expecting these interruptions in thought I have Serensen on the mind.

Had it not been one of these unthoughtout days I'd know more about what happened in the Serensen hearing.

Our next neighbor told us it was 20 below when she got up, several hours after I did. The wind-chill was lower than 50 ~~mh~~ below. With the snow dee I stayed in the house except for the mail and paper-getting, with my mind on matters other than Serensen. I knew the hearings would be broadcast on public radio, tee.

The reprint of PW has been shopped and I need cellar space for it. And in the reorganization of the upstairs I'd gotten til a kitchen base cabinet and some casters for her to use as needed kitchen storage space and for some of her electrical gadgets. Even when I got to drilling the cabinet to mount the casters so she can move some of her kitchen appliances and pots and pans up from the cellar I forget all about the Serensen hearings. Until there was some intelerable music, which forced me to switch and to catch only the very end and then the q&as on which the stations or the net had an audio problem.

So Lil has her cabinet on rollers and is going over her accumulation to decide what she wants in it and what she 'll give away so we can use that space for the books and I really do not know what happened except that Serensen got out, as I suspect, under the circumstances, he should have. I also suspect he might have been one of the better appointments, which can account for the virulence of the opposition to him. It did make his position impossible and his taking the job, if confirmed, also impossible.

I'll see what the Post has tomorrow and ride my way through the evening TV news but if you see anything special or have any thought, agreeing with or opposed to these, I'd welcome them.

I'm not at all sure that effing him is assassination-connected. I'm more inclined to suspect he was appraised as the kind of person who would oppose all the ~~xxx~~ worst. Not Bush-league, so to speak.

I'm going to suggest to Jim what has been on my mind for the several days I expected him to be axed, that Jim ask him to be co-counsel in some suits. Or give him an opportunity to do a little of what he has been prevented from doing. Not much chances but perhaps worth the time of a letter.

Anyway, it shows where the power ~~is~~ is.

Who uses it and for whom.

Good material for the Heppes, McCabes and Buchwalds.

Best,