

Dear Jim,

While driving this a.m. I heard a few minutes of Ford's House committee testimony. One part struck my funny-bone. The time may come when we may want to recall it.

It appears that a member had been questioning him about security, classifications, over-classifications and declassification. The part that tickled me was his answer to a question about declassifying what is classified as "Top Secret."

The last part of his response was to the effect that he would do all he could to hasten declassification. His words were better for our use.

Well, I can say this for Gerry Ford: he is capable of practising his own preaching, if the ways of his practise are not always traditional!

Before leaving for Lil I heard a short part. It included the questioning by Edwards of Calif. He seems to have asked nothing about Ford's book. You may recall that Lane said on the Jerry Williams show that his people in California were in touch with Edwards. This could mean as little as a stranger writing Edwards a letter or it could mean that someone had made explanations to him in person. Of course, there will be and there may have been earlier rounds in the questioning.

Sincerely