

11/14/72 I rather imagine that from time to time I have seemed short-tempered with Bud, including recently. Not without cause. Here is another example. I phoned Cesar today to clarify our yesterday's conversation about copies of the court papers for the media. He and I had discussed it earlier and it had been agreed that I would make inquiries and they would leave this to me. One obvious reason is to prevent criticism for un-lawyerlike conduct which, while perhaps unwarranted, would get attention and be believed. I had written Jim, taken the letter into town and mailed it, but if there were any delay, he'd not have it in the a.m., which was important because I had promised delivery of two copies to NBC tomorrow. It turns out that Bud had made no arrangement for press copies and the one member of the press considered is with a paper that, while important, can't have any influence in this instance, Chi. Daily News. (Also wrong desk.) There are, in the planned copies, only two above the absolute minimum. Not even a copy for any of the Ray family. None for those attacked in the documents. They would be within their rights in asking copies, particularly Hanes, who gave access to some of his files. None for a reporter who has been helpful where the help can count, the Wash. Post. None for Tenn. papers, where it can be important. So, Jim will ask Bud if they can have three more copies, which I'll want for ABC, CBS and the Post. There should be copies for AP and UPI, but we did not get to that. I asked Jim to think of and list the more important parts as they see them so that at least after the fact there can be a press release. If they'll consider it. Now this could have been mimeographed. There is no real need to file a day or two early. The same typist could have cut a stencil, for example, at not much greater cost. The extra cost of the paper would have been negligible, for many copies. That on which Bud has squandered money is such bad jokes as taking Paris Flammonde to England and stupidities with the CTLs, the most recent of which was going to the Univ. Penna to speak to perhaps 100 students. The cost of the trip to Philadelphia exceeds that of having an adequate number of even xeroxes. There are other such examples. HW