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7/29/72 Larry, Your mailings 25,26 both here. Many thjnaks. New dimensions here on Schoolfield but no rush clips. Returning The Parallax View 4th class, thanks. Particularly glad have Sun's Gervais material and you estimate that it is "dynamite". I knew him fairly well and there is a helluva book and more in it if handled right way. I used to drink with him, with judges, touts, lawyers, almost any local character. One bailbondsman who had a file Gervais could have used for blackmail and I have. Difference between your kind source, "sprt of like asking Wicker to look something up in the morgue for you" is that Wicker wouldn't. I'll read that stuff with great interest...Broun was great. As a kind I couldn't go to bed without picking up the bulldog of the old Phila Ledger as I walked home from my own rag so I could read him. And he did some great things. But he also presided over the beginnings of the continuing division. I had some friends at hq and on the paper. ~~One, who began~~ with a bad ulcer, finally suicided over it... And under him they could be so inept. I wrote him about the company unionism on the Pierre duPont papers. Can you imagine any other kind. What did he do? Sent my letter to the man against whom I complained. He got promoted, as all did, to a minor executive position and it continued a company union called The Guild. For a while after going to DC I was in that local. It was nothing a nothing I soon left it since they couldn't bargain for me anyway. It was gesture of solidarity only...If you go on strike I'll send mail to your home, assuming you have not moved....Jim and Bud were with Ray today, on the habeas corpus and prematurely, I suppose because of Bud's other commitments. I entrusted a rather delicate mission to Jim. Hope he can pull it but doubt it. Heard all the tapes relevant yesterday so he at least understands. But you can't crack tough nuts with bare hands. There is (confidential) a touching little bit about something Ray is trying to arrange to help me regain what helping him has cost me. Imagine that! It is all his idea, too. Best, HW

July 26, 1972.

Harold,

another quickie, but I had to get this stuff off to you. It's really dynamite and fits into a lot of other stuff.

The person I asked to supply it is very big in Canadian journalism I find out. I guess it was sort of like asking Wicker to look something up in the morgue for you.

good luck with this stuff.

L.

July 25, 1972

Dear Harold,

Just a quickie to get your report back to you. We took a strike vote Sunday and got it. The negotiating committee now can call it when needed.


Your Watergate memo raises a lot of good points that I want to mull over. We have Schoolfield clips (old ones) I'll xerox tomorrow or so.

Included is the old tape from the abernathy speech on king. I haven't hooked up my direct dub cord yet, but you should get the idea. I also send along the book you were interested in. I've looked for another copy but can't find. Please return when finished digesting.

The McGovern thing was Chicago's idea at the convention. We raised a lot of hell. A lot of Guild members are up in arms about it. It reminds me of a quote from Broun about newspaper men who "ride forward like the Light Brigade, never questioning why." I'm reading up on him. You're right.

I think I want the Guild to be what he had in mind.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "Lin".