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Dear Larry,

If you do not return the call I placed after you returned from supper and went out on a story, the immediate purposes will be academic. If you have tried for a half hour, you couldn't get through.

I asked if your man in Milwaukee spotted any of Bremer's reading in his flat or if he had checked the library. The suspicion has turned out to be correct. R.F.K. Must Die! and one by an Arab lawyer (described as a pest by Kaiser) making a hero of Sirhan were found in Bremer's car, according to this a.m.'s Post, source return on search warrant on car. The National Enquirer has asked me to do a piece and I must get it done and in mail tomorrow.

Your pundit(s) should get today's Post and read a bit more of what I'd written earlier about the Wallace performance. I'm not taking time to read all the Post's opinions, but Haynes Johnson's, that the victory was Nixon's, not Wallace's, and that Wallace was "weak in direct challenge" may interest you.

On returning from D.C. This evening I skimmed tabulated election-district returns. There is a fairly direct correlation between turnout and Wallace vote, approximately what I've indicated in an earlier letter. The Post says that most Wallace ~~walk~~ voters will go for Nixon is ~~W~~ is not the candidate, one the reason I have for a while felt that the great liberal Humph had him in mind as v.p., and I wouldn't throw that out just yet, paralysis or no paralysis. If FDR could do it, can't unser Georgi?

Where the vote was heaviest, the higher percentage went for Wallace, and he did poorest in urban areas, which is not quite the pure blue-collar bit. Meanwhile, each and every one of the three top Demos did better than Nixon. In one S.D., even Shirley Chisholm did, but her vote was light, too.

Rife says he has hrg State charge 6/5. He also says a federal (burglary) prisoner has confessed the crime with which he was charged, tried in absentia without a single witness, and that pressure will be put on confessee not to sign statement. Parount, man! His sentence for allegedly taking 12 oil breakers is ~~2-5~~ 20-50 years. And he is now in on a federal charge.

Today I gave Jim the name and address of John Ray's court-appointed lawyer and asked that he get the C.A. decision and the petition cert. If he does, copies will be available. I think there is a helluva story in the decision alone.

Apparently the FBI roughed up a states' attorney in the Bremer business, according to Jim, whose source I believe was the roughed-up. And the county police, where the crime was committed, are taking the car apart, bit by bit, after the FBI search was completed. They searched, didn't disassemble.

The Sirhan parallel now seems clear in inspiration. Post also has story on character (vy poor) of Bremer's family. Two of his brothers are bastards. The notebook idea comes from Sirhan. Or Kaiser.

B may have been spotted at the rally here, while I was away. The Secret Service was working on it here yesterday. Or, they may just be checking to see if B was here. If so, he missed his best chance, for there was a stoning here.

Think UPI may have carried more of B's notebook than Post used, if you have.

This a.m.'s AP B wire carried a story from New York on how Bremer is like Oswald. If the A wire carried the story, do you know who wrote it? Unsigned, local paper. Interesting that someone could have gotten Warren Report quotes so soon, including selective ones. The Commission did say that LHC was alone, and then, later, hedged it. The conclusion (p. 19) is unequivocal. So, I'm interested in how someone found the obscure but missed the obvious.

Nothing else new.

Best,