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Dear Jim,

As I told you I'd try, I've had a chat with Pete Kihss. He is not really out from under traps, only slightly. He still has many problems and troubles.

From him I learned that Harrison Salisbury is now national editor. Perhaps, I do not know that part of the putsch of several months ago did succeed if this is a demotion from assistant managing editor.

However, what it does mean is that Salisbury passes on the national news and assigns what will be reported and by whom. He is on our side, is now rather well versed in the fact, and I am happy that he is on this desk.

Therefore, I suggest that you send him what releases you have, even though it may mean he will get them late. When they are not used at all elsewhere and never make the wire, they will, in many cases, still be newsworthy when received. One example is your letter to the staff on the federal court.

To kindle interest in this subject, I have written Pete briefly about it with the suggestion he mention it to Salisbury. I hope the Times could make a study of this. It is the kind of reporting they often go in for. Unfortunately, I never get the releases so I can not give them further distribution. If they could come to me by air, as you once said, I could often do something with them. For example, day before yesterday the Times of London correspondent was here for four or five hours.

Another example is the Oswald-Terris CAP pictures. If you have any misgivings about offering dated material, send it to me and I will send it with the kind of suggestion that can make a new lead if necessary. In that case also I think none is necessary.

Even if Salisbury does not use the releases, if they are addressed to him he will have a chance to know what you are saying.