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Dear Ron,

I write this with the expectation my wife will have finished retyping the first part of the addition to the addition to COUP D'ETAT in time for me to make the outgoing evening mail with it. It is in two parts, the first dealing with our suit over the suppressed court records in the King/Ray case and, although I should by now be somewhat inured to shock, makes me feel right now that it is the most shocking part of all. The contrivances and stances of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ federal government are beyond belief, so bad they really should be very helpful to those with immediate confrontations. I think it not now possible to show a more complete, more flagrant waste of official contempt for and disregard of the law, of deliberate official misrepresentation of the law, of the most brazen official lying (especially Department of Justice), and in the context of the "ing assassination and the Agnew assault on the media.

As I told you, because I took your silence as discouragement, instead of writing a quiet piece that might, in substantially that form, find media acceptability, I wrote it as I feel it, to fit the book, to say what I want to say (which the nets and the mags will not say). However, I think it is put together in such form that, if you can find any paying interest, most of the editing can be done with a shears and most of the rest with a blue pencil. At least this is my hope. Agnew and the Chicops should have improved the marketability.

The second part deals with the Chicago murders, putting them in the context of the rest of the book, in which they are forecast, if elliptically. It pins responsibility on Hoover and the administration, shows that Hoover is now investigating himself, that nowhere in the country, without certain knowledge that he and the DJ would not invoke the two applicable laws, would such a crime have been dared. It is as current as today. With luck, that will be in tomorrow night's outgoing mail. You will then have the complete book except for appendix, if you cannot find use for either of these two new parts separately.

I recognize that the way in which I have written this will not encourage establishmentarians to read it, but I do believe that if the right one does, he will recognize it is today not impossible to do safely and in large measure can be a protection for the media against what it must be apparent the government intends. If they do not do something soon, it will before long be too late for even the "liberals". However, the enormous amount of work in which I am immersed makes it impossible for me to have written this both ways, safely and with passion, so I did it the way I will use it, one way or the other. I have not despaired of finding private means of bringing this enormity out because I am convinced it is important in present struggles. I believe also that rather than detracting from the success of a cut, popularized edition it will help it. The representatives of Luce and Moore, if these tiny publishers can be believed, both agree with this...New correspondence from State, now included, should make this even hotter in England. The DJ has stolen every copy of the British court record and has denied it not only to me but to the defendant. The violation of the law here is beyond question. Can "liberals" still scream?...I'd love to be able to spend some time with some of the wiser militants outlining what I think is possible. Hope you have a good holiday, all of you. Best regards,