

Dear Jim,

11/15/76

The trip to Wisconsin was successful in every way.

After Mil deducts the expenses there will be about \$1,000, very much here. But I'm going it all to Lesar for the costs of the litigation.

In a number of ways I was much reassured by these experiences.

I doubt I averaged four hours sleep. I had at least one seminar and one speech each day to Saturday, when we left it all to and built up for Howard, who was magnificent. The kids just loved him. It required force to get him out a half-hour or more after his part was completed. Jim was just as fine, but he is a little older than the students.

Saturday other things kept me busy enough. One follows.

Aaside from two non-duplicating appearances each day I answered questions after the local history prof spoke and during Howard's appearance. I was then caught by surprise because I was talking to students who saw me walking around in the back of the auditorium. (Not contempt for Howard - concern for the foot discomfort that persisted.) Howard asked me to respond to the Question I did not hear relating to the weekend Post story I's not seen, of course. I think you realize this was easy. The fact is that if I'd known it was coming I could hardly have prepared for it better, in what I took and deposited with the university and in what I'd already said.

It is a sand, pines and birch flatland/backland with a satchel student body that goes home most weekends. But is these kinds, who include very few blacks and more but not many Indians, are not cosmopolitans they are pretty solid. It also is a very conservative area. But the impact must have been great because on Saturday the chancellor came to see me. He did not ask me to go see him. He spent more than an hour besides travel time, even though he had just returned from a trip and found the time in a very tight schedule between the football game and the football supper, both mandatory. If they are all gladhanders and this one appears to be no exception I am nonetheless a bit encouraged by his attitude as well as (and more than) his words.

The more time passed the more the reactionary faculty was showing. Some saying nice things that were not necessary. The word seems to have gotten around that this was responsible.

Even the dismal local TV were good.

It was about 2:30 a.m. there Sat. a.m. when I tuned news in on the radio as I was going to bed and heard of the Post/FBI ploy. The next a.m. I did a response in the form of a story the university p.r. people went for. It included the text of a telegram I asked Jim to send. The flack phoned it to both AP and UPI in Milwaukee. Both said it was a good story and indicated some excitement at being able to follow up on a national story. I doubt either agency out it on the wire.

The Chicago CBS-owned radio station reached me for an 11/22 program for which they want no net TV involvement or knowledge. Interesting? Several are scheduled, none on my initiative. Did a taper for news on your San Rafael station this a.m.

The only physical problems I had in Wisconsin were from standing too long and a corn caused by malfitting supports. I had a labolier mike and I did walk around some but most of the time, three hours not uncommon, I was inhibited by the lighting for the videotapings. What caused me some concern was the unannounced out-of-order showing of my 35mm slides. One of the students frapped the tray and they did not out them back in order although all were numbered. I do not recommend this for the college or any other speaker!

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As you'll gather from other enclosures the ~~max~~ record of the WxPost is how even worse.

Best,