

HW: Re: Pore Hennery.

Your memos of 24 and 25Jan73 about now is the time for Henry to leave, were written well before the attached appeared. It carries the ring of a bridge being burned. His nasty crack about Harvard being unable to make up its mind is not the worst of thing to make him very welcome.

We certainly agree this is the time to leave, that there's no comparable future for him under Nixon. It seems highly unlikely that he himself doesn't realize this. Therefore we are inclined to suspect that Henry has just learned that one doesn't resign from the mob, that he's going to have to stick around to take the blame for anything bad that happens. Sure he can write a book. How long would he live? If it's any good.

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Your 1/28, Pore Hennery"; attached to-the-bitter-end clip: You are right. The factor I should have considered and didn't is the problem of quitting the mob. However, if Hennery is not around to kick around, he can still be kicked around. And if he is at all unhappy, there might be less liability if turning him loose. If he needs to be found, there will never be a time when he can't be. If there were any real desire for the pasteup not to come unglued, then he'd be essential. His going to Hanoi is a plus for him, can help him redeem himself among peers in academe and his own concept. He is now the humanitarian. That also I did not think of. I had more in mind that I spelled out. I think with what he has been through and what he has earned for himself, the developments I anticipate in the new regime and its character, rather nicely confirmed as much as possible at the outset by GL himself in yesterday's press "conference", it will become a bit much for Hennery. Besides, does he really quit the mob if he moves to, say, the Rockefeller Foundation? I was of too limited vision in thinking of drang nach Harvard only. He has grown too much to be a mere prof. and hold his self-respect. After limited consideration, I think Henry will move on, which is a deliberate hedge and not the same as the simplistic "quit", as soon as he can, having done all the positive things he thinks he can, like foundation reconstruction. HW 2/1/73