Please return for my "mail" file. Sneding is afterthought and I'm about to leavefor Lil. Andy is St. George and the hearing was Symington's on the CIA in WG

1/14/74

Dear Bob, Brown

I'd been wondering about that ax and why it had not come when it was to have been mailed in a few days.

You are not the only one who reports not getting what I mailed that day. Two people in HEW say the same thing. I didn t realize this until I made the copy of the carbon for you. I had a call about the other this a.m., so the date was fresh in mind.

I still look forward to the ax because much of our heat and all mine when my wife is not home comes from wood. Today it hasn t gotten up to feezing but only the fireplace is giving any BTUs out.

Andy gave me his number and told me ifI wanted to talk to him to call him reverse. I tried once and t ere was no answer. Then I stopped to think that in his present situation he can't be flush, so I didn't try again.

I have been thinking [illegible]
And of his Harper's piece.

If he expects any more problems, I think maybe I can help him.

And if you write him, please tell him this.

You can also tell him about that spare machete with scabbard he was going to send me. I have been looking for one for several years without success. They do not exist locally. Even a machete doesn't.

Aside from the general need and desire not to have to hand-carry it, I have a specific need this winter. Alders are taking over a bank of our pond and shading too much of it. Because the bank is steep and I have only two hands and don't want the alders in the pond and will also need to use a small saw, the scabbard would be great.

I can't now tell you or Andy or even Bud what I developed after we met atik Bud's party but it includes the reason they were leaning on Andy.

If he faces an extremity over this - and I do not anticipate he will - I think he'll have nothing to worry about.

I have obtained enough to blow the whole thing up very, very high.

It includes what was being covered up, which is why they were after him.

What ~~Anticipation~~ Bud told him to tell them to do was the perfect answer, even if neither Andy nor Bud knew why. What Bud's mind did was what the lawyer in him came up with, like an old firehore and bells. It was not from specific knowledge.

We had a nice, quite holiday, thanks. I guess you enjoyed visiting your daughter.

Best regards,