

Dear Jim,

11/25/74

If the phone doesn't ring for a while - and I'm avoiding using it so those who could not reach me, including possibly you, can get through - let me note more than the other broadcasts I've made close to continuously today, including arranging for them.

While I was awaiting a callback from Detroit I got a call from Houston and although I limited the time to 10 minutes to keep the Detroit date, it ran over 15. Portland, Ore. called as soon as the Houston call ended and I asked if I could call back as soon as the Detroit b'cast ended. I've just finished 1/2 hour with Portland.

A large part of this is via Jon Newhall, who added to his story my phone number. This was a widely-accepted invitation. How much more there could have been we say never know because the phone has stayed busy.

However, this has also given me a part of the nut-exploited young audience, and I regard that as important other than for sales.

(Just had call from NYC bookstore, old customer, with request from German publication. Referred to Bookazine.)

The young should have the more solid, not just the Sprague/Yasijian lines.

With head, SBC Chronicle's use AP copy just under 20 inches. Not bad.

Zodiac story in today's mail. Twice length usual maximum. Jon will have followup.

Someone from McGovern's office coming Wednesday a.m. Just phoned. Spring hearings. Apparent chief interest domestic activities. He may call you for a copy because I told him it would be faster to send page to you than for me to mail. He later asked for meeting. Suggested he think of other interested members and ask you for freebees he would then redistribute.

Wie deposition in today's mail. Will read when I can. Have some notes on it from Memphis scanning. If you have urgent needs for arguments please let me know what or which.

"Big Brother and the Holding Company also in today's mail. Ramparts Press.

Also nice letter from Don Smith, now at Cong. Quarterly, whose killed story on me is still in Potomac files, he says. Wishes us best luck and offers what he can on WG.

Already have letter from Sacramento, Calif on IV. Aired 11/22.

If you have time, try to lean on Branch. Put it bluntly: will he keep dates or does he want me to search elsewhere. And I should know because I'm getting feelers and must deal, generally and specifically. He hasn't answered phone in ~~two~~ ^{three} days and the costs I can't bear mount. He was to have been here over weekend. Silence instead.

Howard's book is mechanically delayed, too. But he has contracted his "old war book to same university press. Heard today.

Response from Chastain. Will send my response.

One of today's developments makes the apparently impossible imperative: I must finish WG book draft and find some means of external editing, retyping. I'll explain in person, later.

I think I've arranged for Bill to get a ride home without having to go for her. I did not have to take her in this a.m. Either way, the letter to Hlkausen will go out with this. I've included the long letter I did not send Bud when you recommended against it. Bill can read or not, respond or not, worry or not, as he sees fit. I hope I have done all on this that will be necessary until at least after Bud returns. I'd have liked to have done the messes you want today and if the phone isn't jumping will tomorrow.

As of now I'll have to be in Rockville 12/4 (court-witness) and on personal business, early a.m., 12/16. Both days will therefore be easier for me to go on to DC. We have much important to do to catch up on. Perhaps by 4th you'll have copy Hails's papers. But who knows how long one will sit and wait in court?

Best,