

Phil,

Under what I regard as a difficult combination of circumstances I think Ragsdale handled himself and his obligations very well before the House assassins this afternoon.

The morning session was not broadcast here at least. I gather the witnesses then included Jensen. Don't know why no broadcast.

Today's Post carried only a cut AP story of yesterday's hearing. Not much about Foreman and no mention of DeLoe.

Ragsdale read Chastain's affidavit. I have no doubt, knowing Wayne, that it is entirely truthful and unexaggerated. It sounds like precisely what Wayne told me years ago.

I mention this because if they want to call Wayne I think he'll be wise to try to avoid an appearance.

These are bad and hurting people who are bankrupt. Of what little evidence they have produced that is not fictional or fabrication nothing - take this literally - is now or their own work.

They are looking for blood. I'd not want a drop to be Wayne's.

In my opinion if Lane had handled himself as Ragsdale did and not been on his collapsible soap-box he would have been much more effective and not subject to criticism.

Foreman

I do not object to his references to ~~Stamps~~ and the former you-know-who Ray counsel as psychotic. (My complaints about him are more serious than his having been sick.)

Rather the manner in which he did what he did and his final fling before ~~the~~ walking out, which saved him, not the committee, from legitimate committee complaint about him.

If there were good papers down there tomorrow's coverage would be extensive. It was a dramatic close with a serious indictment of Memphis practices and nothing at all about either the assassination or any legitimate investigation.

The committee, of course, was out to get Lane. In this they behaved very badly and didn't give a damn about Gracie's civil and legal rights.

Best, HW 11/14/78