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Dear Harold:

Well, you finally made the Big Time. An article in the Corbin, KY newspaper! An edited version of the AP story I sent you earlier.

Beautiful day today.

I saw John Ehrlichman on the Tom Snyder TV show earlier this week. He was talking about Oliver Stone, seems to have the same opinion of him that you do. Says Stone will not let facts get in the way of a good movie!

Ehrlichman did make some interesting points about Watergate.

1. Said he did not know about Watergate in advance, and that Nixon did not either.

2. Says it is "still a mystery" who sent the burglars in and what they were looking for.

3. Said if Nixon had come clean about the time he and Haldeman were fired, he could have survived.

4. Said Katherine Graham had sent Nixon a 'Make Peace' letter vis a vis the Washington Post, but Nixon did not trust her. About 1973.

5. Said the book "Silent Coup" is the closest to accurate thing written about Watergate.

He seems to feel that MYSTERIOUS OUTSIDE FORCES led to Nixon's downfall.

Frankly, I don't know what to make of Ehrlichman. He did say Nixon thought he could use his mastery of intrigue and mystery and J. Edgar Hoover to quiet Watergate, and that he was surprised it blew up like it did.

I would appreciate any comments that you have on the above.

Things are well and we are getting ready for Christmas. Thought it was interesting the friendly greeting Clinton got in Northern Ireland. Nice to see the Prez visit a country and not be a cause for riots! Secret Service seemed pretty scared of Clinton wading into the crowd. It takes a lot of guts to be a national politician these days. Saw Mike Dukakis when he was running, and it struck me that I would be afraid to go out and shake hands with so many. Probably gives you backbone for the job!

Take care

Bill

