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Mr. John ~~H~~indsay
Newsweek

Dear John,

Today's indictments are so unprecedented they tend to overwhelm.

I know of them only what I could glean from tonight's NBC and CBS TV net news.

From this I am underwhelmed.

From this I see little but what was public, what the Ervin hearings developed.

From it also I believe what I have is avoided. Certainly ~~is~~ the last thing we discussed, what I described as the most Orwellian, is not included. And that I have in documents.

I presume there will be more indictments and that they also will tend to overwhelm. I also presume today's indictments cover the conspiracy and covering-up charges against Nixon's closest. If this is true I believe they are inadequate.

You will remember that I offered samples and said I was willing to deal with you and Newsweek on the basis of trust. I still am and I believe this series of charges gives more point to some of the things I have.

If what I have had been published, I think there would have been other allegations because it would not have been possible to ignore it. If you doubt, you can see and make your own judgement. One item in the charges, tape confirmation of Dean and that perjury rap against Haldeman, makes one of the things I say was ignored much more significant.

It seems that the Hunt blackmail was touched upon, at least inferentially. It would surprise me if the indictments go into why he of all those involved could blackmail. I think I have the answers. There were things quite unique about him. He knew he could get away with it risky as his game might seem to be for he could have deposited "insurance" easily. I'm sure he did. And the fact is, as we knew earlier, he was paid off. Not for what was true of the others also. This is quite separate from another and I believe major story Tad Szulc missed.

In short, it appears from what I could gather from this limited reporting that all the things I had in mind remain new, none should be less valuable, and some might well be much more important.

A small sidelight you may find amusing, whether or not it interests Newsweek. Parkinson was the conscience of the local bar. I believe the committee he chaired is called Admissions and Grievances.

They sure picked the right guy!

You expect indictments connected with an agency. I responded by giving you three names. If all that I have that led me to this instantaneous response is included if there are these indictments, it will be the most pleasant of unpleasant surprises. If there are no indictments and if I do not have all there can be, I do have more than enough for indictments. My evaluation of it is more than enough to meet the reasonable-soubt standard.

And if there are ~~separate~~ separate indictments over funding, I think I will be able to add to them, again significantly.

Time will tell. I wish you have been here to see.

If you can let me have a copy of the text of the indictments and the accompanying release, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,