

Before you get this you'll probably know whether what I report comes to anything.

Today was wire-service day. Don Rothberg of AP was here this morning and Janet Den(n)ison and one Gibbon (?) of UPI and UPI audio were here this afternoon on the hook. I spent some time with each on elected parts of the appendix.

Rothberg knows me from the 1/22 transcript story. The others are strangers to me. I'd left word for the UPI bureau chief a week ago and got no response and phoned a political reporter whose name had been given me thereafter also with no response. So, when I was in DC yesterday (doctor and speech at Georgetown) I phoned the bureau chief who knows me from the past.

Tomorrow morning a writer from the WxPost's weekly for the area, appearing Thursdays, is to come. That would be for next week.

I'd drafted a very short press release, less than a single-spaced, letter-sized sheet, in a ditto stencil I thought Floyd would be able to run off. He can't so he had ~~is~~ it retyped and mimeographed it and began distribution of it today.

Steve Barber, conservative bureau chief of the conservative London Telegraph, has been a very good friend. So, I have a wrapped book to Floyd for him. Steve phoned late this p.m. to say that my young men impressed him favorably and that he'd told them what to do at the Press Club and made a few other suggestions. So, I guess that despite the heavy rains Floyd et al got it done and apparently well.

I also phoned Reuters and they will cover the press conference.

Unless I hear that one of the students who is free will do the driving I'll have to do my first in rush-hour and will have several trips from the parked car to the top of that building to make. I'm having less trouble moving but the leg is quite large, hot and becomes a sort of problem. I'll then leave as soon as the blood is drawn Friday a.m., which should give me time to take it easy. (Only tonight did I recall that after the trouble hit and before I was hospitalized I learned that the blower on the heater stopped working.)

Fell asleep eating supper. I'd have gone to bed were it not that Barber is to call me when he gets home from a dinner date, in D.C. not likely earlier than 10 p.m. However, I held up to the long day rather well yesterday. Good sign for the future.

Especially if the treatment, to which a diuretic had been added, works.

No new word from Times, Post. Reports of Times strike. But I think there is a reasonably good prospect of decent wire-service attention. Rothberg is on vacation but still took the assignment, which means he also has several days of the heaviest reading. The probability of the translating into sales of a book not out and not to be in bookstores does not exist but a steadying influence on the wilder ones in the Congress is not impossible.

The release was drafted in haste, but if any remain I'll send copies. I charge perjury and dare any of those charged to appear jointly, under oath and subject to perjury, before any Congressional committee and testify under oath. I'm serious, whether or not the press takes it that way. It may appear as a gimmick but if taken that way it remains an unusual one.

The printer, who has been wonderful, was victimized by a subcontractor who provided an enormously oversized envelope, hard to use in packaging. The DC repr canvassed DC and come up with none of the right size. He did bring 1,000 ~~small~~ but still too large from Baltimore. The are easier if still time-wasters. I think I've sent you both copies. If not please remind. Realising how tired I am today I started making a list as I wrapped. Stamping mailings not yet completed. (Save for TV news times)...Release clauses on CBS/ABC note: permission granted for limited direct quotation in straight news only. TV specials and magazine features prohibited. Floyd is to take copies to the three nets separately.

There was to have been a call from CBS's DC bureau chief yesterday. He had an internal memo warning that