

7/21/72 Howard, the sticky night interfered with my resolution to get more sleep. I got up earlier to do some filing. While shaving I was thinking of odds and ends of things. I was reminded that in writing you yesterday and noting your silence about what is developing with the Wecht move, I said this could be because you prefer silence or because you are out of it. Either ways, I expect you to keep records of what you know or may hear. I think you do have the obligation. There is a future to which we all owe obligations, there is the immediate future in which it is not impossible we may have things to do, and there will come a point when several of us will look back to evaluate judgements. Suppose, for example, that the missing slides, etc., are turned up and they work out against our interest. As ~~by~~ showing there was scorching at the real, nonfatal, which I'd expect there is a slide showing. The press will be in no position for question asking and no mood for or interest in long, technical explanations. It is easier to say "WR supported". So, in the future, I at least will be interested in this. It can be CW's idea, yours, Bob Smith's, Sylvia's-anybody's. Each of these things should be recorded to the degree possible. There will be our own post mortem. My own view is that even if my fears do not materialize, the risk is not worth it, and my belief remains that the danger is greater than the potential benefit, so I'm not weaseling. Each of us is going to have to face what did and did not happen, and if it is bad, I will be determined to do whatever, if anything, I can, to see that ~~either~~ this kind of needless risk is not run again. The only possibility I can now visualize is by making each of those involved face the reality of what did happen or what could have happened. HW