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Dear G ry,

Reluctantly, I have reached the conclusion that life is a series of conspiracies and coincidences. When I finally got to the point where I could sleep a bit longer there was some kind of insidious conspiracy for me to get bursitis, and every morning, when I roll over on my right side, it wakes me up. The coincidence is that I was going to write you last night and I thought it would be good for us to enjoy one of the superior luxuries (low grade) we now have - look at TV in bed. Yup, I was given a small, very compact portable. I mean real portable. Want to look at it in the car? It's rigged for it. Or carry a battery pack, shoulder-strap supplied, and watch it while you climb the mountains. The weird thing is that this, the first of its kind, is more sensitive than the good Zenith we have, much newer. Sometimes, where we can get nothing on UHF with the other sets with the little loop aerial they have on the others, we get a good picture on it. Yesterday, when the Baltimore educational station was unreceivable on the big set, with high outside aerial, got a great picture on it. So, we went to bed, with a glass of Italian orzady to sip between us, to watch "The Bold Ones". We'd just settled down for the waste of an hour when the phone rang.

Now it happens that I'd intended writing you (another coincidence), to go further into the Clark bit and what I regard as the futility of Crosby or anyone else speaking to him. Earlier in the evening I pattered around a bit in the cellar, nibbling away at the enormous job of organizing it.

Remarkable coincidence, the call was from Crosby. He's coming here today. He's spoken to Newsweek and he has to get "cleared" by Roberts. He won't, but I'll be able to put him in a position to overcome Roberts, if Newsweek is willing, which I doubt. Propose a confrontation between him and me before them, they to question - on the fact, his book or mine.

Anyway, I'll show Crosby some of the newer stuff, tell him of other new work, whatever he wants.

About a week or ten days ago, Clark was on the Frost show. On Hoover, he fell short of saying that 15 years ago he'd have gladly nominated him for President. He did not fall short of proving Hoover's accuracy in calling Clark a jellyfish. I did not write Clark about that, but I did about what he said when Art Kevin interviewed him. If I get an answer, I'll send it. I think Clark is so cowardly, by nature, that he is not capable of doing what is required to clear his name on this even though it has the potential of ruining him with the younger voters. He seems to have political ambition... But I'll write you after Crosby leaves. He's due right after lunch and has to be back at the airport, car turned it, etc., but a little after 7. With luck, he'll have about three hours here.

Best,