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Dear Russ,

This is the day that was! What a magnificent thing those wonderful young people did in DC. Until I see TV tonight, I'll lostn on the size of the crowd. First the police announced it was from 125-150,000 and then, apparently realizing it was at least twice that, starting officially giving the size as 250,000 or more, and the radio reporters present added, "at the very least". I'll heard radio estimates up to 600,000. This despite cold weather and rather successful official interferences, like getting bus companies to withdraw their charters-even refusing to let Canadian buses cross the border.

To a degree I could keep up with it because I'm correcting the master of the COUP add, which is a mechanical job. Nighttime patterns of the DC all-news stations gets them off the air about 5. Then I tune it WBBM, which I get rather well here on a cheap transistor set. I was working outside today for several hours and heard the all-news reports, but could not get the only live broadcast of the doings, on a university FM station. Lil was rather taken by some of that.

What Harvey says is more than interesting. But it also makes something more than hard to check out of this. I think it is now beyond my capacity, when I evaluate it against what I have to do. However, I'll copy the appropriate parts of their letter and take it up with a member of the Tennessee bar, who I expect to see this coming week.

BBM just gave the figure (DC) at "more than 1,000,000".

Your observations on the record are correct, but can we really carry it forward now? The only way that seems feasible, given the other things that have to be done and the obstacles in the way of this, is to persuade Bud to add that to what I sue the government for, on the ground their withholding of it to protect him is fiction, the entire matter being public. Then, perhaps, be able to subpoena an FBI witness to testify to what the freeze means, etc. I'll, try that.

Good you have a more pleasant place. But don't buy anything you do not have to have until after you are here (assuming you can buy anything!). Get rid of the sofa, since you can't get it. But there are things other than furniture we may have. I know I've gotten some premiums with gas lately we've put aside for you, some dish and bath towels. They're probably not much, but they'll do until you can afford better...with the sharp change in the weather, I doubt you'll be enjoying the back yard for some months!...Just heard a rebroadcast with Bill Corley, this time sports. I think they credited WONS. Wasn't paying attention until I heard his name. Never heard of WONS.

Now that Mita is getting to be herself again, Lil has some kind of "ketch" in her left hip that makes getting around uncomfortable and prevents her straightening up after she's been sitting for a while. It seems to be easing off after several days. She's carding both COUP and the add for indexing while I post the typos she's caught. That is time-consuming. And I have to renumber every page of the add, which is a bore that must be done carefully so the camera doesn't pick up shadow from the tape. Each edge and the flat surface has to be burnished. Time for the TV news. Best to you both, Later BR gave the show, TOP-TV gave half its 6 p.m. news then did a special, all favorable. Nice touch. TOF had footage of a hirsute fellow putting Butler down-and used it twice! The shots of the Fortress White House were marvelous-all the busses end-t-ended for blocks around, streets without even a squirrel and with a million kids in town, Nixon asks a reporter if he's been watching Ohio State! Tear gas so bad evening DJ incident chased officials off roof CD hq nine blocks away. Mitchell even got some.