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Dear Harold:

The CQ chronology came today, for which many thanks. Since you ponied up the postage (as well as that for Vol. 4 of the hearings, I'm sending payment to you instead of Lesar and once again will impose upon you by asking you to reimburse him. As for the surplus, that's for you to determine. I have the impression you didn't get a chronology for yourself -- perhaps you'd like that. Or, there are always stamps. In any case, many thanks to you both for your trouble.

I note this is Vol. 1 of the chronology, and since I've not heard of its being available in these parts, will hope you'll let us know if and when another volume appears. We can make arrangements for its purchase and forwarding at that time. We feel this is quite valuable for our purposes, if only to check against now and then.

As to the WG proceedings, some time back we learned that the local branch of the U.S. Government Bookstore (in the federal building) was stocking them. We've obtained Vols. 1 and 2 from them and have ordered Vol. 3, the latest to arrive. The clerk sends us a postcard notice when each new volume comes in, so it looks like we're protected. I could have written to Cranston or Tunney asking free copies, but decided for a number of reasons I'd rather get them this way. Many thanks for pointing out the possibility of getting them through a senator or congressman, which hadn't occurred to us. The fact we decided to do it differently has nothing to do with the excellence of the idea or our appreciation of your thoughtfulness. I've been meaning to fill you in on this for some time, but have been distracted by many things, especially when writing under pressure on the rare occasions I've been able to do even that.

Regarding the Who's Who excerpts enclosed, I made copies from the 1972-73 edition, but also checked the 1970-71 edition for differences. The only one I caught was that Szulc listed his home address in Madrid in the 1970-71 edition but omitted it in that for 1972-73. Perhaps you'll catch further differences, but I spotted none. Bennett and Caddy weren't listed in either edition. As to Cushman, I have two remarks to make. First, there used to be, at any rate, something called by a name that I remember as the Army-Navy Register, which outlined the career of every commissioned officer. However, I can't remember whether I consulted it in some military attache's office in Peking or later in the Washington AP bureau. In any case, our local library doesn't know it and can find no listing for it, so perhaps it has gone out of existence. When I can I shall inquire at the county library in San Rafael and the city library in San Francisco, but am not optimistic about finding it. It may be restricted in some way now, if it still exists. Lesar or someone in Washington might be able to make discreet inquiries, or one of your pals on the Post might know what the situation is.

The other thing is that in Peking, I think in the summer of 1940, I met a Capt. Cushman who was at the Naval Attache's office in Peking. It was common for the Navy to run certain Marine officers through the Naval attache's stations for language study or field training (Evans Carlson was one example, and now-retired Brig. Gen. Sam Griffiths was another) and I suspect Cushman, since I saw him only once, probably was doing the main part of his time in Shanghai and was just visiting in Peking. He was quite young then, of course, but had the general stature and appearance of our boy. Very quiet, almost stodgy, was my impression. Best. *Lin* idw

Dear Jim, would you please ask Mike to check standard military directories and the diplomatic "Blue Book" on Cushman, with an eye toward reconstructing his career, which he omits from his Who's Who? Check assignment as some kind of attache to China circa 1940 esp. I am told there is or was something like an Army & Navy Register in which the career of each commissioned officer was tabbed. Today that would be something! But in his earlier day there were not that many. Some of my newer info, which I'll show you, makes me more interested. ...Don't let me forget to pay you for the CQ WG. If they turn out updates, the White's will want, thanks. HW 10/27/73