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Dear Cindy,

Glad to get your note of the 11th w. enc. clips. Sprague is for the birds (looney). He is a well-meaning, conspiratorial-minded friend devoutly persuaded that the possible is the reality, the unnecessary the minimum, etc. There is a phrase of the computer trade you may wish to recall GIGO- garbage in, garbage out. It can come up with no better than it is fed. In too many areas it is not possible to feed dependable info into it. I regard it as at best premature except possible for image enhancement, which can, I believe, achieve minor successes. The mishandling of the LBJ thing is better than the siring.

I have a little good news for you on which I hope you will watch the British papers. With an artificial dramatic introduction, I recall Rusk's inappropriate phrase re Cuba Missile Crisis: "We were eyeball to eyeball and they blinked". Mitchell blinked. He capitulated rather than face me in open court and wrote to promise me that for which he had forced me to sue. Today I finished my examination of it and gave them a list of what I want copied, If they decline a single page, back to court we go. You can be sure if he were not overpersuaded I'd nail him he not have capitulated. They eliminated any chance I'd lean over backward to accommodate them by stalling me for a year, by lying, by forcing me to sue, and with a few other contrived dirty tricks and time-wasters. I am sorry this one didn't have to go to trial and I remain with the hope they will continue stupidities that can cause it. It is present in that if it is not the first case they lost it is the first in which they were forced to surrender. This began with you, sweet girl. It was was for those papers. I have now examined what I believe to be all of them and, while they are dynamite, they do not add to what I already had, save the dishonesty of purpose they prove. A pat on the back and another thanks.

Eugene was at best an utter incompetent of whom the least insulting thing I can say is that he didn't make the minimum effort. Had he really tried, he'd have prevented the extradition and he would have studied the evidence, with consequent benefit to history and society, if not Ray, whose extradition was illegal under British law but about this nothing can now be done, it being a fait accompli....Thanks on Jean Daniel. Should be more than a single article.

Perhaps you do feel my remarks about your desire to be with your mother in her time of heavy travail are too generous. I do not, for two reasons: This warmth, concern and decency are among the things I like in you and, as perhaps you may recall from an exchange in which you were the middle of the sandwich, I think our society is rigged against your sex. Aside from the question of right or wrong, which often is irrelevant, such things, inevitably, are more difficult for women, especially if they are defendants. It is unselfish and it is the right thing to do, aside from any obligation you may feel. When you are back, feel free to come up, and with your me....One answer to your question about what America is coming to is what Americans permit it to come to. Your wonderful peers, including those with whose actions I am not in sympathy, are doing what they feel they must, and this is right, the essence of good citizenship and the assumption of civic and social and political responsibility. But I have not learned to accept violence and think I never shall, much as intellect says all else has failed. Best regards,

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London, England

Dear Hal —

I was very pleased to hear from you again and I also didn't like my horoscope printed on the card although I think it holds true for things like dieting etc ha

I'm sorry about forgetting to identify and date the clipping I sent. It was the Daily Mail I believe.

The two articles I'm enclosing particularly the one on Johnson, are certainly no news to you but anything I see on the subject I will

try and send to you.

I am asking a friend in Paris to try and locate the address of Jean Daniel. The articles he would have written must be extremely interesting I'm sure.

Your remarks about my returning to America were too generous but I am anxious to return for her. I fear the proceedings won't be very amicable.

I can only imagine how many obstacles have been placed in your way and undoubtedly they shall increase as you proceed. I do wonder many times what America is coming to. Bye for now

Love Cindy