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Dear Hal,

While I continue taping corrections into the book, a mechanical chore, + have time to think of things crowded out of mind by other work. I write about several.

A couple of days ago I wrote several asking them to watch their local papers for on the Ed Butler's intrusion into the DC march, quite possibly for the purpose of promoting violence, but certainly for self-publicity, the means by which he costs the wealth of the right fringe out of their money. I get a little more interested in him with each report I get from the past and of his present. If you have clipped anything, I'd like to see it and possibly the Whites~~ex~~ may have or have seen something. This is not emergency, something on which I'd like a complete file.

When you were here you had Roger Craig's testimony as he annotated it at Maggie's, claiming all those changes the "court reporter" had made. I then told you this had to be an impossibility. Now I have obtained the typescript of what was sent to the printing office, to be set in type. I had earlier had the file transcript changed. In neither is there a single change except the typographic designations put on by proofreaders, like changing number to numerals. Roger may believe all of this, but Penn is deep in because of his misplaced trust in him. When there is time, I'd like a copy of the printed pages annotated by Roger please. This sort of thing is not helpful. Moreover, although I am not taking time to check it out now, there was no time to edit and retype his testimony in Dallas. ~~xxxx~~ On the printed page used by the court reporter is the name of the outfit. For this to have been later changed, either the script had to be sent back to Dallas and redone (and I have the bills--there was no such payment), or the typewriter and blank sheets of paper had to be sent to Washington from Dallas. This is, with the best face on it, highly improbable. There is no chance of saving Penn, for he has an intense desire not to be rescued. But if they sometime serve a useful purpose. Were I to tell them this, it would merely fortify his belief I am some kind of agent. Even his report, from Roger, that Bradley has been peppering him with phone calls is false. Bradley has the bills where he paid for Roger's reversed calls to him. It is very sad.

gnaw's speech last night was chilling. Not the least of the horror is that no one has pointed out the obvious, what is wrong with this speech besides its attack on the nets. Like there was no such committee report as he quotes, and an official FCC investigation says the opposite. Or the timing of Dirty Dick's dirty speech-- or that such instant analysis follows every such speech, going back from LBJ--even at the UN. He sure is Nixon's alter ego.

Best,

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