

7/15/72 Dear Mary- Scant as is the reporting on The Watergate Caper in your Dallas Democratic papers--*Republican papers are giving it more extensive and more honest play - it still adds a few details I didn't have. The story from the Chi Trib service, for example on the run between O'Brien and Rowley about security at Miami. Can you blame O'B for answering Rowley's plea for trust of the Secret Service with "But Jim, Al Wong recommended McCord."...Perhaps I have forgotten, but I also don't recall a clipping quite as explicit on the fact that the walkie-talkies were actually registered to the Republican committee. The inference was clear, but if the fact was ever as unequivocally stated, I don't remember it... When the Demos first filed their suit I figured it was to be able to take depositions before election. With the five arrested, that would seem to be impossible without compromising their legal rights in the pending criminal case, which the Republicans, controlling the federal attorneys, can easily delay until after election. If I didn't think of this, Edward Bennett Williams surely did. Therefore, I assume that what he really plans is to be able to take depositions from other than the accused. Unless there is judicial crookedness, the only way this can be delayed that long, I think, is by people staying away or getting busted. Like Hunt, for one. But I rather suspect Williams is uncertain about getting to take depositions in time, and I also suspect that if this is the case, the obvious isn't being done. There is absolutely no sign of a private "emo investigation. It is hard to believe one could be conducted and no word reach any paper. So, there remains too much that can't be figured safely. Thanks and best, HW