

Howard, you need no exposition on my experiences with Bud, his and my attitudes toward each other, my feeling about his abortion and its still-born heads, etc. However, none of this is in any way relevant to the current attacks on him that, to its credit, have been totally ignored by the Post. There is a vicious AP B-wire story today, I presume a longer one on the main or A wire. Your local papers may also have stories. I have ~~not~~ not seen that of the Times, the friend who'd saved it for me having mislaid it. Please watch for these carefully and, even if you are real busy, mail promptly. I believe the criticism is contrived and that the credibility of McCord's disclosures is the real target. I believe everything I have seen leaked. If I do not know who leaked, I'm sure Bud didn't (one of the real reasons for the "Times" attitude, as I've know for about a week-prior to their story) and my prime candidate for the past few days has been Weicher. Not a complaint. A need today and certainly less than the consistent record of GL and the rest of his side. You should also know that where Bud is an expert is with Congress and Congressional committees. He is disliked for a good job he did exposing tapping and bugging with one, that from which the FOI law also came. We have stayed away from each other on this. I intend to. I've sent him an offer of help. If I am correct in my analysis, I can help. Not with attacks on him, though. So, please be alert, thoughtful and as prompt as possible. Ditto with local-paper McCord and Watergate stories, if you can. Thanks. HW 3/31.73