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Dear Dick, *Gellman*

Deja-vu?

Here we have this big CIA flap, I've a new book loaded with CIA and with what is very relevant to this, to their word if they give it on any level - even to Ford's capability of having any investigation of their domestic activity made.

Again the timing is perfect, the content now and hot, and no commercial publication was in prospect and the wholesalers who have it have not put it out.

Can you imagine what this book could do still? Or more, could have done had it been available when it got an interation and large news play?

Any ideas?

What made me think of you is not this but the enclosed, from today's Wash. Post.

If any record company could use a collated version of the tapes Nixon released in comparison with the Mc Nixon (update and translation of McCoy) remember, we have that done to cutting, perhaps slight reassembling.

Possible title, if those for records can be longer: "I'm Not a Liar?" by Richard ("I A, Not a Crook") Nixon; "The Deep Throat of Richard Nixon;" (What a gag with rmp!) "The Deep Throat of Richard Nixon," 33 rpm); "The Hangout Road of Richard Nixon;" "The Hangout Way of Richard Nixon;" if no straight title, puns are almost limitless.

Other work has prevented completing the draft of my Watergate book. However, I had to lay it aside when it had been completed except for the conclusions. This was before the Watergate conspiracy trial. And no changes are necessary from any unexpected revelation, one of the points I wanted to make.

The Ray case took much - and much out of me.

We've been to the Supreme Court once and won when it refused to accept a stay asked by the State on unprecedented discovery we'd won. Now by the 6th the Court wants arguments on whether it should grant cert on the issue of discovery under habeas corpus.

The young lawyer, my colleague in this new book, and I made one helluva record in the hearing. Senior counsel have not yet stopped fucking up, but despite that the record is, in addition to overwhelming on the issues, close to totally exculpatory on the fact. I was able to do this by the means I devised for addressing "effectiveness" of counsel. Now can I say Percy Foreman is an incompetent? He didn't show, by the way. The actual conditions were worse than in a movie, counsellor. There was one day the lawyers questioned five witnesses in a row when none had interviewed any and none had seen the questions there were to ask until I gave them to them early in the a.m. and then went off to do other work. But the witnesses were good, holding up. No way to try a law-suit? No alternative in this case.

Hope you all have a good year.

Best,