

JS-He owes me something for saving him on his SEP 12/68 piece and for doing the nasty thing to which ordered by the Post, probably Mike Mokney, and it deters him. He was embarrassed when he did it and before it appeared begged me not to do to him what I did to Fletcher Knebel (WWII). There are painless ways in which he can help without taint, if he considers it.

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Dear Dick,

At last I've heard one truth John Mitchell uttered (quoted by Hart this morning), you are a liberal. In the same sense that I am a conservative. Long ago these words lost their meaning, as long ago even Bill Cobb, who has been a good friend to me, agreed.

From the reviews, you have done as good and as important a job as I'd have expected. Hope the book does well. Unlike many other good books it has something important working for it, that now-meaningless word "conservative". Nothing like it for commercial acceptability these days.

If you get tired pushing it or when you get a little time, come on up. You have never been to our new place. It is less than an hour away. Take Mass. to 46, thence to River Road, Beltway to I70S and stay on it through the chances in identification to Frederick Exit 6w. To this point, just like going to Camp David. At 6w, West Patrick St., loop under the road to the landmark you will see before the exit, the Holiday Inn. Turn right to the all-way stop at the next intersection, Shookstown Rd., the left about 2-2 1/2 mile to Old Receiver Road, right .3 miles and there we are in a patch of woods on the right. The lane is just past the mailbox. You can't see the house from the road. But you can see the pond I think the kids will enjoy. It has fish who will come and look at them when they hear the voice, even large-mouthed bass who will surface and eat bread tossed to them, tame trout like large goldfish (and a couple of them, too). Can't promise how the animals will behave, whether a coon will show, or if the rabbits will decided to visit. But if they do, need I tell you how the kids will take it? If more than two weeks, bring bathing suits. We have a 40-foot pool I haven't had time to get working.

Last time we spoke you warned me to worry about Kleindienst, that he is tough. His rep is exaggerated, and what I have done to him it will never survive. The least of it is getting a summary judgement, unreported, in federal district court. Since then I have learned much, some of which will, I think, interest you, especially as a commentary on "liberals" and your old loves, the Kennedys. (And by the way, Joe isn't the only one with an illegitimate in California.)

You will remember we went to the Peter Pan. There is a less showy place near here of which you may want to know. It doesn't mean the wait usually required at Peter Pan and I think the food is better. We can't afford to go there (or anyplace else), but I'll show it to you, it is that close, five minutes, and near a place of which the kids may want to know for the time when like today's young, they may want to do some safe camping.

Good luck with the book. It deserves it. And hope you can make it.

Best,