

Between a discouraging letter from Dick (you don't know him) and busting something on one of my old mowers just before dark, I'm not in a mood for the work I'd planned until bedtime so I thank you for the clips with your letter of the 9th and for marking the especially interesting parts.

Last couple of days have been kind of rough anyway. I find that there is something in the conditions causing a pollution alert or warning to which I react. Last year I learned of all but one from my reaction to it. Later I heard reports of the alerts/warning. This seasons begins the same way. I just get weary and can't keep my eyes open, sometimes edgy with it, I guess in reaction to the feeling. Almost fell asleep Monday driving back from Rockville and did last night looking at the TV news.

Lesar was here briefly Monday. I am saving him more than \$100 on a car repair here over the DC price. He'll be back for it Thurs. or Fri., when we'll be together again briefly. He now has much work to do besides The Informers, the Ray appeal to the 6th circuit and the work Bud should be doing for the en banc arguments before the DC ~~MAX~~ US court of appeals, which has lumped the zany CIA suit with my spectro. Even Bud is less than happy about that, but nothing keeps the nuts from nuttiness. Jim is in full agreement with me on the approach we should now take, charging and proving perjury and subornation in this and other cases, all of mine and still others recently reversed or thrown out because it it. I also feel that this should be in the record before it gets to the Supreme Court, where it will inevitably go, the reason I gave Bud a free hand in it. Jim thinks the altered situation is changing Bud's attitude and that he has recently done much work on the McCord appeals. Jim also says Bud's partner and another lawyer are keeping him hogtied so he can't do wild things. Our hearing is 7/11. The Ray papers must be done in 40 days from notice. His having listened to me in the court below, where he has a voluminous and complete enough habeas corpus, makes the present chore easier. He doesn't have all of that to repeat, or any part to now add.

No rush on Alch transcript. Howard has sent me stuff past that date, but let us wait and see. Either his former wife or another wrote Bud to say she divorced Alch on grounds that included his being a constitutional liar. Jim had not read the McCord appeal. He says it is long (good) and he skimmed it. He thinks Bud has included the argument I persuaded him to make, again belatedly, in the Ray case. You can't say a Foreman or an Alch is a putka lawyer, but you can argue he was "ineffective", and that can be grounds for a court to take notice and give some relief. With Alch, that would be particularly good at this time because he was terrible in the McC defense and bad before the Ervin committee.

Nixon quote on Franco-American relations I heard on radio, meaning probably unused wire copy. It was to the effect that he had done more to improve them than all his recent Democratic predecessors. Time didn't use, maybe because it had several gems without it.

With what you sent, including the names, I don't think I need any more on the 1962 Calif. election, thanks. I seem to have misfiled the first. Some of this is not plain carelessness. Fancym rather. I'm always jammed for file space, so when there is hardly room for fingers, I too often get something in an adjacent file.

Agreed on Buchwald's Was Josephine the Plumber. For you non-TVers, the play is on a cleanser commercial in which Jane Withers, no longer a child star, plays one plumberette J. From before that date I started keeping all cartoons and spoofs. I'd been sending all the great stuff you'd sent to Howard, who appreciates. Now I'm keeping all. If the attitude is correctly represented, I think in this case it is being augmented by the Dept Dirty Tricks.

I think Hal had in mind a long CD I found early, on Hall, Howard, etc. Used in WWII. The ref. I remember is to Kiki Ferrer. Maybe Angel is in it. I have a copy pasted up in the unpublished appendix to Oswald in New Orleans.

Agreed that it is a blessing the committee has been sitting only three days. I'm also trying to find time to write. With today's air inversion and 90+ temp I fell asleep on Stans!

Colby: If you sent me the one of their own finally made it clip, I have it in the chron. files, the way I kept them until the beginning of May. I think when you do you'll find a short but very good recap on his career you wrote. That is what I had in mind. I suppose I'll have to go through all that stuff at some point. I'll then be able to segregate. Filing by subject also creates problems when stories deal with several. Retrieval remains a problem! (I sent you the carbon because the ribbon is so pale on thin paper.)

Dear Harold:

Odds and ends time.

About Alch's opening, prepared statement, let us know if HR doesn't provide. Times ran it, apparently in its entirety, using up a half-column and then a jump to a full page of continuation. Glad to copy.

We've not seen the Nixon quote about having improved Franco-American relations over those of the Democratic predecessors. NYTimes for 2June73 is in and doesn't have. Will watch.

McCord's petition for new trial was just announced today. ~~Will~~ We'll watch for any unusual treatment in the Chron and later in the Times.

Finally found, and enclose herewith, the Examiner clip on the 1962 Nixon election campaign fraud in California. Date, 29April 73. I must have copied the 17May73 date from an entirely different clipping. Sorry, and hope this fixes you up.

Like to refer you to Art Buchwald's column of 31 May 73, "Was Josephine the Plumber?" An ex cruciating spoof, this nevertheless conveys a message of profound importance, delineating as it does how a vast proportion of the hoi polloi, preoccupied with making a living and incessantly deluded by TV junk, including soap operas, inevitably winds up thinking largely in soap opera terms. Ridiculous as this is, it nevertheless is unfortunately true that no great change in the popular mind in this country can take place until this mentality is penetrated and swayed.

If we, devoting ourselves more or less full time to trying to keep up with and understand the complex currents that make up the whole Watergate scandal, still have trouble absorbing it, it is natural that people with much less time to devote to it fall back upon cliches and other standardized images they get from the media in their efforts to put any aspect of it into words. This, if not an irresistible force, is at least an immovable object. These people will fight to the death rather than open their minds to anything else than these threadbare patterns into which most of them have spent a lifetime fitting nearly everything they have experienced. They don't WANT to think in any different terms. If you've thrown this away, we can copy.

About Colson's statement that "I'd walk over my grandmother if it would lead to the re-election of the president," I can't find the first reference, but a NYTimes story on 11May73 refers to it and says he said it sometime in late August last year.

I sent Hal /a note conveying your inquiry about the Cubans. He says he's going to have a talk with one man, not a Cuban, who may know something about the individuals you asked about. Meanwhile, he thinks Angel Ferrer was discussed in CD295, something to do with Mrs. Odio. He says his copy is buried in a friend's basement and he has no immediate prospect of having to get into those files, assuming he could find it if he did. I'll let you know if he comes up with anything further.

End odds and ends. We assume that the situation there is much like it is here: the fact that the Ervin Committee holds hearing only three days a week is the only thing that prevents life from being one continuous emergency.

Best,



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