

Dear Js,

5/21/73

Reur 16, here this a.m. I'll phone Post in 20 minutes and see if I can subscribe for you. Then I'll know when it will begin and will suspend second copy here. Until then nobody in newroom, which I can call free. I'll ask them to transfer me.

Howard's ability to supply Times without xeroxing ended until he goes back to his summer job with the issue of the 11th. Don't now copy everything. If you recall anything I should have, from what you remember of what the Post has, thanks, but not if great amount of work. I have the same interest in new fact, but it is not essential for the planned book. (Started a chapter The Law for Layment this a.m., prior to taking Lil to work. I think it will be short but necessary at some early point for the average reader, in not editor.)

I should have De Diego NYT 5/11, but don't remember. I have no file on him separately. Checked and have it in one of the day's I've not yet broken down.

McCord book: Lesar says no interest in it. I'd have supposed that the man who took him to Bud, Prouty, would do a book, esp. because he is anti-CIA, but maybe that makes a conflict with McC. If I use Malice as chapter title, I'll credit to McC. It is surprizing he so regards what he conceived as patriotic dedication, if he does. He'll require ghost, but he'll have nothing to sell. All public domain.

Avoided Fascism Aborted because that is by no means clear. The boil did burst in time, indeed, but there remain the old infections and what will linger from this. Thus I went to double entendre of floodgate, which works either way.

There is an advantage in your getting Post and Times about together. You'll then know better what either has that the other doesn't. Example: I think I sent you Cheshire bit you got from NYT which got from Reuters, on McCord's memoirs.

In looking for the DeDiego clip, I noticed that of the 8th or 9th on Nixon and Diem assassination. I remember the Times gave all but the reasonable explanation, the truly Orwellian, that Hunt's forgery was to give a basis for Nixon's gaffe blaming JFK. This

is another Dallas link. I have something like what your Montclarion had in mind, with much, how much can't be sure, on Cubans, esp. Dept. Disinformation work, and all by Hunt-ers. With each one I start a Dallas Parallels file.

McCord's memo: I had not read yet. Thanks for marking that part. He seems not to have gone into this before Committee. Maybe being saved for Hunt? Glad Hunt's testimony not likely this week (Thompson on Today today) because I have to be away Thursday. Hope that does not mean I'll miss Barker. If you tape Thursday, I may be interested in borrowing. I'll miss the beginning of Wednesday. Wish I could afford time-clock setup. With 7" Wollensack that cuts off at end reel (and is never used) I could thus get at least 6 hrs. when I'm not here. But that is uncommon and not worth cost.

In her extremes, Mae sometimes slips past what she was sharp enough to see but too paranoid to understand. Her show may be interesting.

Major problem now, next to time, is retrieval because my filing was not designed for this use. I'll have the laborious job of going over chronological files to get the dates of GL's and Ziegler's pronouncements, which I think should be encapsulated in order of their improvisation. And going over all the financial stuff in the light of the foundation's report, clip on which I've sent. (By the way, I've several clips from Chipapers on McCord's equipment I've not copied, initially because of shortage paper and it is not yet here.) Not essential. And Creeps haven't paid for yet, either. From the good basic understanding you have of what I plan, if you have any specific suggestions for inclusions or treatments and exclusions as unnecessary, would welcome.

Long talk with one-shotting Kessler, who is going to Chicago. I gave him names.

Your 3-months mail sub begins with tomorrow's issue, 5/22

Woodward in Bernstein, from whom no pieces several days, not in office today. Vacation- or work on their book?

Best,

16 May 1973

HW:

In case you missed it, NY Times for 11 May, p19, has two column story from Miami based on deposition taken by Gerstein's office at behest of LA prosecutor in Pentagon rapers trial by Felipe de Diego, who describes how he, Barker and Gonzales broke into Dr. Fielding's office to photograph Ellsberg's files. Not too much new, except the de Diego appears to indicate he was led to believe it was a CIA operation when recruited for it by Barker. He's described as another ex-CIA employe. Let us know if you don't have and if you want.

Engarde!!! NY Times for 11may73, ^{p37}~~p12~~ on a page of local news, has squib by Reuters from WX to effect that McCord is working on his memoirs, which according to Post columnist Maxine Cheshire has the working title of "Malice in Blunderland." You now not only have to beat McCord to the punch but have to think up a better title!!!

How about: "Watergate -- Fascism Aborted"? More and more I am impressed with how fortunate we are that the Watergate boil burst, one hopes in time to avert what was on the drawing boards. We're not out of the woods yet, of course, and other boils would have burst if Watergate hadn't, but ITT had no such impact, to mention one that did burst.

~~Best~~ Please clip from the WX Post its address and rates for mail edition. We've decided that the only way to handle this situation is to subscribe for three months or so. NY Times, for instance, is around \$15 for that length of time. Not bad, and it will save you a very onerous chore and expenditure of time when you've better things to do. Dont' forget, thanks. Best *Juan* jdw