

Dear Jim,

9/13/76

Your 9/9 could not have come at a better time. I sure need to turn my mind from the very disagreeable work I've been at since 5:30 a.m. On the King/FOIA case. I laid aside the preparation of ~~xxxx~~ a list of my unmet requests to write a fairly emotional statement I'll want to read or have JL read to the Court on Thursday. It will precipitate a new crisis. I see no practical alternative. I do not see JL agreeing to it. These rotten bastards have taken another year of my life and I'm neither accepting it nor letting a court rubber stamp it.

The clips, as usual, are stacked at my resting chair. They look valuable. Thanks to you both.

And to the inventor of Je's new plumbing appliances. For that thanks is inadequate.

I do wish a little of that forward-looking inventiveness could reach the successors to the inventor of mine. They can't even make mine to fit, as I learned last night in trying an experiment I continued today, so far with success and the exchange of discomforts. The vascular surgeon approved a set the company took back as a malfit. Not very encouraging.

I wrote Hal and sent or am sending you a copy. I had the right address but the wrong city. I wonder what will happen with Oakland and the correct zip. I did wonder about that zip and did think it SF.

I met the farout Kafka. The Kessler stuff is not Dallas, as I recall. He had nothing to do with a gun into the TSED but did with LHO in Mexico City.

If Jennifer, with or without your help, figures out how to keep current, regardless of how much she cuts down, please send me a blueprint! That is exactly what I've been trying to address in a different way with JL and in the statement I drafted this a.m. By the way, the mystery of what happened to Jim may have been solved by his wife's foresight. She had duplicates made of his Singapore hospital X-rays. He has been X-rayed since return. It seems he passed a kidney stone. One she sees in the Singapore X-rays is not on those taken in DC. Oh, well, who needs an appendix? And he did lose 15 lbs as a result.

I forgot a 3ol mailing for you this a.m. because I had it flattening under the unabridged, Today's Post story on Mao is clipped. I have not been able to read them so I do not know what is routine in them. We have just clipped them all not knowing what is really routine or what you see. They and the others will go in the ~~xxxx~~ a.m. But they make better time than a mailing to my Hollywood friend Paul. What I sent him 8/24, a script summary, reached him 9/9.

I've alerted Jill to the Tibet possibility. She is deep into retuping an enormity. Rather she is nearing the end of it, having been deep in it.

Perhaps I'm not clear on what I propose in court. The finks/feebbs have cooked up still another stall. I am before the judge, a fine lady, who has abused herself with a superhuman task in the Rosenberg case, of going over everything. I'm saying that if she is willing to take the time, which I regard as self-flagellation, I am not. There is this Act and there are other laws. I want compliance with this act immediately and in full. I want punishment if a judicial inquiry justifies it, and if she does not grant it then she has become party to official nullification of the law intended to end official hidings. I say that if she does not do this there is no purpose served by laws or courts. I'll be thinking of a similar formula for 10/1 in the spectro case, where I can take the initiative and where I'm sure the government will stall until the last of its 90 days and then go to the Supreme Court. There we have a fink, not a real lady. My problem will be to get JL to surmount the corruption of a formal legal education. And being a real, fine gentleman. And to get him to understand that I do not have another 63 years to complete what I've begun. Back to work, with thanks to you both, and best,

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Dear Hal:

Very glad to have your Sept. 4 mailing with the word that your recent physical symptoms have eased off and that the vascular doctor more or less confirms it.

?We neglected to tape Mark Felt on Face the Nation but did watch the show and felt no regret afterward that we hadn't taped it. To us he seemed to say nothing new, but of course it might have carried a different message to you. Hope Herman can dig up the transcript for you.

Enclosed are a full file of recent NY Times pieces on the FBI; by that I mean this is all that was carried within that time span. Don't return. We have cut down on this particular file so extensively that in the rare cases where we'll want to keep something it will be easier to copy for you. Accordingly you can reduce your concern for us in going through the Washington Post, if you haven't already.

It looks like Jenifer really has been able to figure out a way to cut down. She recently spent several weeks cleaning up a lot of loose ends that accumulated during her time out in the hospital, and in the past three days has sailed into a pile of NY Times and waded through more than 15 of them, emerging with a stack of clippings which is less than a tenth of what she'd normally take. We feel she just has to find some way of keeping herself current and informed without going through the rigorous search for details which has kept her so preoccupied in the past. She's doing fine in every respect, has regained all lost weight and has perfected her irrigation routine with new equipment that is much better suited to her needs.

I looked up Hal Verb's address in the current SF phone book, which lists him at 3544 Taraval St., SF where the zip code should be the same, 94116. His phone is the same as before, 665 3907. As I recall it, you got his SF listing from that photog who wrote to you about something, and apparently Hal since has moved a block in the meantime or the Photog or someone transposed two digits in his address. Anyway, that's what the phone book says. 3544, not 3554.

Without looking it up, my recollection is that ~~Bob~~ Kessler was some guy in Dallas who had taken a gun into the TSBD some days before 22nov63, but I could be wrong. I'm certain, however, that the young man who had been to Mexico /and who taught a class at SF State at the same time Hal did was named Kafke, not Kessler. I mention this in case any confusion is involved.

We just heard about Mao's death. Don't send any routine stuff from the Post on this, but if something looks to be exclusive with the Post any unusual angles it might contain could be worthwhile. The big issue, of course, is whether Mao's supporters (the so-called radicals) have things as well in hand as it appears at the moment. Also, we believe something is cooking regarding Tibet, which you might keep in mind.

Hope you can keep up the ^{work} ~~improvement~~ in the way you're feeling.

Best, jdw 