

Dear Jim,

7/3/76

Resuming re your 6/28 and generous, valuable contents:

You spotted something in the NYTimes Lesar missed. We'll use vs Kelley. No dupes. And we enjoyed your fun with malapropism. I've often wondered what I've blurted out under pressure of no dead air and spontaneous responses. It is a fine piece. You must have enjoyed doing it.

You'll pick Ray developments up from carbons and ~~xxx~~ events. There are some strange ones afoot. Amouth.

Your perspective on Kabak is an interesting one I had not considered. His job could be a fulcrum. In any event, silence since. No legal citations to Lesar, etc., and it is apparent the government is not going to brief that point of alleged law and we've missed our opportunity to get it in a decision for the time being. It would have been very good to do. We now don't really need it at this point and can't take time for it. JL and I did discuss priorities after the session Thursday.

Not even the check for the paper he used from Kabak. No return of the list I'd had copied for the kids. Of CIA documents. Contempt for them, too. No return of records, which I did not expect soon if at all. He is too important to take the time and too determined not to. However, I have on record a forbidding to us that includes private correspondence. As a lawyer he knows that is actionable.

Now I'd best forget him, too. He had been out of mind except for an occasional call. Shedding them has given me more time. I need it. I'm stacking great quantities of what needs to go in lower file drawers and must at some point do what will be uncomfortable and other work also accumulates.

Your weather has made the net news several times. Water, fire, etc.

The ACLU reprint seems to be from the Church volumes. It represents the kind of think I'm appealing now. Got a very long one done yesterday in today's mail. Too long to inflict on you and I needed too many copies. It covers every request of every status and I have to have a copy in each file now that I can continue separating them and can identify each as the CIA has. If we had time and help one or more of these suits holds promise of real accomplishment. I took my usual approach of making allegations and then proving them and then specifying this is not all the proof to make a record and to give them a basis for a different option. If they did not have their sick machismo they'd be anxious to do everything quietly and take a chance I'd get little attention or that if any it would blow away soon.

Five college kids are coming ~~him~~ for the rest of the weekend in an hour and a half. Their idea, my measure of the generation gap. I'd better take a walk before they get here.

By the way, my pressure on Jerry either has been too much or I've gotten through to him and he is waiting for response to his questions elsewhere. Leaning on him heavily has been the only way to learn in the past and there was nothing to lose if the time came when he turned off. In terms of my immediate objectives, total success. If this thing continues - and as of now we do not know- JL is in a much better position and is much better informed.

Up the rebels (old style)!

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Dear Harold:

The attached is the ONLY thing locally we've seen on Ray developments. For some time (long before your note of June 16 asking it) we've been conscious of impending events and watching for anything. Thus far nothing else, not even in the NY Times. We'll keep watching.

Returning herewith the WX Post's June 6th piece on Ehrlichman, which we were glad to copy. Thanks. You'd better keep it.

Your clipped offerings continue to be excellent in choice. Especially appreciated were the June 20 Sunday feature on San Elemente and Ehrlichman's Chicago encounter with the political editor of the Bubble Gum Digest. Special thanks to Lil for snagging such prizes.

You haven't asked it, but ~~my suspicion~~ the latest encounter with Kabak strengthens the suspicion I've been nursing for some time that other critics are the most logical choice for infiltration and sabotage. Your experience seems to have demonstrated this probability several times over. What could they have on him that would drive him to such an incredible repeat performance ?

I don't think you'll want it, but we have Schweiker on Face the Nation last Sunday, June 27, on tape. He paid lip service to the possibility of anti-Castro Cuban involvement but as usual said much more about the phony Castro backlash theory. If you want a dub before we erase it, just say. We'll hold until you indicate one way or another.

Not much new here. Jenifer is fine and doing well, concentrating on wearing down her average irrigation time with the aid of a rechargeable hand calculator. We think the recent hot spell, which ended only late this afternoon, may have affected her performance, which was decidedly erratic during five very dry, hot days, six really counting today which wasn't quite as bad.

The same very unusual hot^w weather (this time of year the heating bill usually goes UP due to persistent fog and overcast) also has stopped my efforts at repairing the carport. ~~xxxxxxx~~ In fact the weather seems to have gone batty in many different areas, but of course we're most conscious of this very dry year which has left Marin reservoirs less than half full and necessitated the county's first water rationing. Our hillside of ivy and ferns is taking a beating. As to the carport, it will be a long job. It sits on a 30° hillside shoulder, with no possibility of doing anything but fixing up the existing structure, which consists of eight 4x8 redwood posts supporting the whole thing and which have been hit by dry rot. I'm now digging out around their concrete emplacements, after which we'll pour a continuous foundation, cut the posts off and reset them and try to brace up the whole thing as it should have been done in the first place. One problem is how to do all this without the whole thing toppling over and falling down on the house. However, our good contractor neighbor is guiding my every move, and I have great faith in him if not in myself.

Take care of yourselves.

Best from us both,

 jdw