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Dear Ed,

Clips, some read, ltr undated arrived. Thanks. The one on Ray's return to general population is disturbing, for it can mean the end.

Glad to get word on Frank. Don't see how ~~ix~~ he can publish nothingness with his rep, or how Doubleday can afford to waste more, but too often these things do happen.

Don't know about the Turner. Expected the Siegenthaler before this.

This time I agree with Gurvich, and it is the proper formulation.

But, this mess may be a frame, is certainly a setup, and is at best entrapment.

You are right in that the PPapers tell us nothing new. However, they do provide useful detail and the attention they have attracted is at the least educational to the uninformed who may also be the uncaring of the past. And the reaction against the press may serve useful purposes. I doubt the administration really wanted them out. It ends their claim that this was a Democratic war (Nixon was recently quite explicit on this) and does not improve their relations with the military, which means more to this than to most administrations.

Look forward to the uninterrupted time to read the promising Washington Monthly piece. It is atop an accumulating stack next to my chair.

If you use a red carbon, what follows is explained, or a red pad when you write. There is a faint red reversal of the first side of your letter on the second.

Best,

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Dear Harold:

Frank never even mentioned the "title" of his book nor is it listed in Forthcoming Books so evidently publication appears far from immediate. His only comment was to the effect that the conspiracy charge against Ray was made simply because he mentioned a bracket while purchasing a gun!

Kaiser affirmed his conspiracy belief on a radio show in conjunction with the paperback release of his book, the "blurb" on its cover challenging the F.B.I. to reopen the case.

The Turner and Seigenthaler books are due for momentary publication.

I get the N.O. papers on a sporadic basis but I'll

be glad to send you what I receive.

Gurnick on J.G.: "How do you figure out an insane man?"

I would substitute the word "psychotic" for insane. J.G. lies so demonstrably ("I gave no interviews") that I can retain little belief in his uprightness.

Of course, "a frame" is possible -----.

My reaction to "The Papers" was: so what else is new?

The information seemed stale and often misleading. It is obvious that Federal Agencies knew of their pending publication for months and thus indirectly sponsored their release.

The M^c Govern letter is odd but only that.

Unfortunately the control of both parties was never made secure.

You will receive under separate cover Washington Monthly. It contains a very revealing article on publishing.

Best Wishes,
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