

Dear Jim,

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Nature not only workw in wondrous ways, as I recently suggested: she is persistent as hell. I can't stay awake now!

With tax season over, we can go out a little. Last night we were at the local editor's for dinner. He moved into the living room and I was asleep before I finished a cigarette!

Soon as we got home, to bed and again uninterrupted sleep until close to six.

In time, believe it or not, this will make a problem for me. If I sleep much my bad back starts aching!

But I do guess that this really is nature's way. And I believe also that if I do what I've pretty much decided to do, a special kind of WG book, on what has been suppressed only and by whom, I'll need a bit of restoring. If that is what this process is.

If you are concerned over what took me to the hospital, it seems to be over, whatever it was. Yesterday I used a sledgehammer three times, each time to break large quartz rocks to reduce them to the size I need for the lane, and without consequences.

But before going for a walk and while sort of coming to with the strong coffee I make, I have several purposes in writing. I've made arrangements with one of the older students to transcribe for me what two reporters learned when I put them onto the Jaworski past, when he was first appointed. She will do this when school ends, in three weeks. Do you want a carbon? There is one fascinating thing that worked very well that I will want to keep secret for the moment. This phoning included two different interviews with Lonnie Hudkins. He was caught by surprise by the first and forgot what he was not supposed to say, going back to the Commission days. and of all the utterly improbables, remembered the right number for LHO, NOT the one officially denied. The one officially suppressed! It is part of the secret transcripts for which I am suing and exists in one other record only, one that was never expected to be seen. I have it.

Henry Petersen will be important in this new work for several reasons. So, if you see any significant word attributed to him in his pro-wire-tapping testimony reported in yesterday's WxPost, I would be interested in it.

We'll be in DC Thursday and I'll phone and see if I can get a copy of his statement, later the hearings. But DJ has only once ever sent me a copy of even a press release. The only exception is when Kleindienst was still reeling for that summary judgement I got.

Kind of selfishly I had hoped that Howard would be able to spend several weeks here as a research assistant. I heard from him by phone. He has a summer's job. He will be here the week of the 6th. If he is not accepted at Duke or gets the Vanderbilt scholarship, he'll be going to Gainesville in early September to find a place to live while he takes his law degree at the Univ. of Florida.

I think the only practical alternative will be, until I can clear everything for full-time writing, will be to write parts I know I'll want and lay them aside for later incorporation. I don't like to work that way, but I think it will be best. There are parts I can do this way. Petersen can be one. Where major media elements refused to look into what is really important evidence when I handed it to them is another. Guess I'm going to have to find room for still another box and get another supply of file folders! It will be unwelcome and will interfere with the slight possibility of attention, but it is not possible to tell the story of how Nixon got away with it without telling of the complicity of the media. Do you disagree? Or discourage?

Best,