

Dear Dick,

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It is because Frederick suddenly got a commercial xeroxing service that I have been able to get everything done ahead of schedule. Howard and I do not have to stand by and use a machine when it is not being used or make trips to Washington. While the price is higher than in Washington, it is less than the cost of travel there.

The juxtaposition material is being xeroxed. I delivered it yesterday afternoon. It is to be ready this afternoon and I will then mail it with this.

Howard copied off what we wanted to supply from my files. In some cases he may have used facsimile, where I had the original texts. Because you put priorities on speed and hope for mass market, while this was more work for him, it is faster.

Meanwhile, if you do not make a mass-market arrangement, I am still getting the originals of the official statements. I did not get them at the GPO because buying the full volumes there is more expensive, too expensive. Instead a friend is getting them xeroxed at the Library of Congress. I should have them in a few days. As you said with the original transcripts texts, I'll just hold onto them until I heard from you.

Howard has grouped the stuff together into a smaller number of broader subject headings. Neither he nor I have tried to find the ideal quotes for headings, but I think that as you and Bill Martin read the stuff fresh, more than enough will occur to you. If when we catch up on other things we do, I'll send them.

He has written you a memo. I got up early to write this and catch up on the other things that accumulated so I can, hopefully, get back to writing ~~xxxx~~ today. With all that is spread around I'm not looking for it to read it.

The headlines all come from my files, if you want the originals.

Hope you and Bill are satisfied and, as we do, see social values in this aside from commercial possibilities. My small sampling shows there will be a student market for this for years. Not a big one after the first life, but a continuing one. So, I'd like to ask that instead of shipping the remainders to the junkman they be shipped to me.

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When I was a boy, in Jewish immigrant circles there was a phrase, America goniff. Everything was possible, nothing was scarce, everything was inexpensive.

This is a new land now.

I have spent hours trying to buy a simple roller burnisher that used to sell for \$3.00 and has about 5-10¢ of both materials and work in it. You can't even get them now. The lucite even is scarce! I was able to buy the electric waxer and have it and a supply of wax, which my wife will start using tomorrow in assembling the notebook I have described elliptically. I've been able to borrow a burnisher with which to roll the copy to make it stick to the offset sheets I have. Imagine something as simple and profitable as this item being scarce.

If Howard, who knows my files pretty well, can stay around longer, getting this done will ~~xxxxxxxx~~ enable me to write more on the Watergate book because he can get out of the files the FBI and Secret Service reports I'll be usings in the appendix. After all that has become the norm, seeing these kinds of secret documents is still a rarity and should add to the commercial possibilities. The major document has big, black TOP SECRET stamps top and bottom of each page. I am now certain that I have it because it is to be used in the Halde- man-Ehrlichman/Nixon defense if it can be safely, and this means I alone can defang it as I believe was not anticipated by the plotters, who could not use it without someone else using it first. There is now a race between me and some contrived leak, which can't be done carelessly without the thin backfiring. Sorry this may not make sense, but it is an exciting situation and my analysis is confirmed by papers filed in court and the campaign you may or may not have detected, led by Saxbe, to de-saint J. Edgar Hoover...We have not yet been able to get the \$5,000 this will cost and I suspect it will end with my young lawyer friend, who is just starting in practise, borrowing it from the bank. If you know anyone at Playboy Press, distributing this should be a natural for them because of a competitive book that Penthouse Press is doing and I think will be trash. Best regards,