

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Belmont,

When the Watergate story first broke I did not plan any writing on it. I did have other interests and in accord with those interests did keep clippings. The manner in which I then filed them sometimes makes retrieval impossible.

Michael Douglas Caddy is one of the semi-mysterious figures in whom there was interest that suddenly ended. My interest in him has not ceased.

I know I had other Post clippings but I just can't find them. I do not now get the Star because your earliest edition would not be delivered until suppertime. Infrequently, I am given clippings from the Star.

If there is anything in your morgue of which you can let me have copies relating to Caddy, especially before the grand jury, I'd appreciate it. A list of what I have recovered from my own files is enclosed. If there is no Caddy file, perhaps there is one on the grand jury or the prosecution. The period is for about a month beginning about 7/1/72.

I still keep farmer's hours. While shaving at 4:30 a.m. I heard a newscast reporting that some time today the White House is to release an accounting of Nixon's gift to the nation through the Archives. It may be that until this release anything is premature. However, I have had a certain amount of experience with the Archives. It includes some limited experience with the gift of presidential papers. If I can be of help to the reporter who may be working on that story, if any does by the time you get this, I'll be glad to. I have made a few suggestions in the past where I had specific knowledge and ~~after~~ documents, but what I regarded as stories apparently were not.

This newscast referred to a "deed." I believe such transactions are generally by contract with the GSA Administrator, who delegates to the Archivist. Under the law the donor can stipulate terms. If this paper is not released today and a request is made of the Archivist and he refuses a copy (as he did with me in the past) would that be a story? My hunch is that if you asked for access to any of these records Nixon gave the Archives you'd be turned down.

Thanks for anything you may be able to do. I wish it could be possible for us to get together sometime. It has been a long time.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg