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Dear Congressman Hogan,

When I wrote you at about 5 a.m. this morning it was without expectation that my wife and I would be as moved as we were by your presentation today. Or that it would prompt another letter, for more than another expression of appreciation.

You were truly eloquent, enhanced by the passion it was past time for someone to show with the obvious sincerity you felt. (I think your family might want a clip from the TV footage of your face when time was called on you.) This is hardly a time for men's veins to run icewater!

You are along among many in choosing the subject you did. Unfortunately, you were handicapped by incomplete information. This Hunt business is what I addressed in telling you that my recent work centered around an area that seemed to be neglected in all official investigations. This is anything but criticism of you or of your staff, whose performance, from the available record, is immeasurably better than that of another on the subject.

The House should have completed its function before I can complete the first draft of this book. And it will be very rough, in part because of the complexity of the materials, in part because of the adverse conditions under which I write it, including the hiding of evidence and many interruptions, and partly because I feel the danger to the country too much and will have to cool the manuscript considerably. However, I do expect to have this draft done before the Senate gets into it work.

And if in your opinion what I have is of value and is needed I will ~~be~~ jeopardize my literary rights and give it to you.

I do have every reason to believe that your committee and the Senate have only a part of the Hunt story. I have traced it back 15 years. I will not begin to try to encapsulate it here but I do believe the past is significant. So is that part of the recent years not addressed in any public investigation of which I have knowledge. And I have been watching with care. Some that was available your staff missed. After writing you I checked the chronology your committee released as it appeared in the Post. It missed what I regard as one of the most significant bits of evidence addressing what Nixon knew and when and how he knew it. Among the other missing pieces, in my belief, is the second laundering of money operation of which Bittman was part. I have the documents on this. I suspect it was to hide the source and I suspect the source was Vesco. If you still want to undertake to trace this - and it is beyond my capacity - I have obtained the numbers of all but two of the bills. They are mostly New York Federal Reserve in origin, Philadelphia Federal Reserve next, which is consistent with their coming from New Jersey. The bills are only part of the Dorothy Hunt aspect and its non-investigation. And I have put together what seems to be missing elsewhere, motive with regard to Hunt: why this great "compassionate" concern for him and not the others? Why did he get so much money and the others so little? There was a reason, really a combination of reasons, having to do with this past that has not been reported and the more recent years also not reported. In part it may also have been because of what he did in his last official CIA years - domestic intelligence. I have traced this back to 1965 when, unhappily for me, his path and mine seemed to have crossed in New York City. I have established two of his covers, the second with two parts, and I have every reason to believe I know the location of the cover CIA office from which this illicit work was done. This is but one of the ways he alone had of putting pressure on. On Nixon and on the CIA.

You are, of course, not only busy but probably emotionally drained by now. My working day begins by 5 a.m. I work seven days a week and I have been doing this for years. I have past 60 and my financial situation is poor. I could not undertake to carry much with me

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were you to want me to go to your office ~~not~~ could I afford many trips. However, I will have to be in Washington this coming Tuesday, the 30th, should you want to see me then. If this letter does not reach you in time to phone me here- and I'll be leaving about 7 a.m. I will be meeting with a young lawyer friend about 10:30. His phone is 484-6023. His name is Jim Lesar. We are working together on a separate book which may involve a contrived defense against potential impeachment charges and a phoneyed-up defense of some of Nixon's closer assistants. The possible use of what I have is conjectural. The content has separate significance. For both reasons we are anxious for it to be available, especially to the Congress. We will be borrowing the money to print this second book, which will be largely facsimiles, so we can give each Member a copy.

If there comes a point where you can take a day from the office and would like to spend it in the quiet of the country, in peaceful surrounding, and could come here, I can tell you what you might want to know and you could relax at the same time. There is superhighway from the Beltway to seven minutes from here. We are that close to the Holiday Inn and the State Police barracks at Frederick. It is about an hour from your office, perhaps less from your home. Lesar lives near your office. If you were to take an afternoon I am certain he would be willing to drive you to let you relax more.

I have no objection to any advance checking on me. One of your constituents is a college professor who was interested in reading my notes on The Watergate from before I decided to do a book. He is Dr. Jerry McKnight, 345-7666. He also has some familiarity with my other work. I have been an investigative reporter, when it meant more than cultivating leaks; a Senate investigator; and an intelligence analyst.

At the risk of sounding paranoid I will be frank with you. I will be reluctant to trust anyone on your committee staff because I know none of them and because for years I have been the subject of improper official interest. I have carbons, not xeroxes, of some of the surveillance of me, in that case by CIA through a front it has for this purpose and done by a private agency. My proofs are so complete they include bills and checks in payment for the service. Recently I was the victim of a bag job done with such pinpoint efficiency whoever it was knew where to go and what to look for. My files are quite extensive but what was stolen was limited to a narrow Watergate aspect, Hunt and CIA. I believe this means one of a very few people who were guests were responsible or there was prior tapping, bugging or both. (Some then unpublished ITT files also were taken, including the "Dear Ted" and "Dear Ned" and internal papers.) If you can replace one of these it is not important but I'd like to be able to quote directly. It was a CIA document the Senate committee did not use. It detailed the Hunt phone cover he had in New York. My interest is because he also had other clandestine phone services that are quite relevant and I think meaningful in this unpublished area I have gone into.

I hope you can understand that this and other experiences, which have included threats, some taped and one voice-printed by a police department with which I have worked, persuade me to prefer to be cautious. However, there is nothing I have to which you are not personally welcome even if it means the jeopardy of what may at some point have literary value. I do place the country's interest above my own.

Perhaps you can now better understand why I also asked for a press set of your committee's volumes. If it is no great trouble, I would also appreciate a xerox of the last couple of pages Mr. St. ~~Clair~~ Clair provided, those of the March 22 tape. I'd like to go over the exact words with care.

Perhaps I should also explain that the gap in your staff chronology bears on the possible contents of the missing 18 minutes of the 6/20/72 tape. I have a document Maldeman then had. Your staff appears not to have had this. Any discussion of this document would have to disappear. Its contents make that apparent.

In any event, I repeat our thanks and respect for what you have done.

Sincerely,