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Dear Mac,

So much passes over your desk you can't begin to remember all. So, I remind you of several of my letters in the recent past in which I alerted you to then unforeseen developments in what is called The Watergate that might, from your committee assignments, present some problems for you; and of a comment you made to me in 1965 about improper federal interest in my work.

Events have vindicated my opinions, as I think is clear. Much is not yet out. I think some of the worst isn't.

Although I have no contract and not much prospect, I have decided to start a book of the kind I do not anticipate the Post reporters and Clark Mollenhoff will do, one with a special context in which the detected crime will be relatively minor.

You have made several relevant comments, dealing with public morality and ethics, one in part reprinted in the Post. I'd appreciate copies of all on the chance I'd want to quote them. I think you also made several proposals.

As you know, the government is not anxious to help my work. Any request I make for public information is long delayed, if responded to. I have unanswered requests for such things as press releases going back to 1966! So, I would appreciate it, if it does not represent any real trouble for you, if you would ask the Department of Justice for copies of what it provided Judge Matt Byrne in the Ellsberg case. The has been publicly released and quoted extensively but incompletely in the press. It is in no sense secret.

Of these things, what interests me most is the first 37 pages of the grand jury transcript of the testimony of E. Howard Hunt. Lengthy excerpts were printed verbatim, as in The New York Times of May 8.

If they charge you for such things, I'll repay the cost. In this event, I will not need the Krogh affidavit, which was printed in full.

In your coming campaign you may face opposition from the far right. Some of these things on which I'm working may then be of value to you. For example, if the Buckleys oppose you, directly or indirectly. Bill suppressed from his interview with Hunt, to give you an example, what Hunt actually said, that as a federal employee he urged the assassination of Castro. Like him or not, Castro was the head of a state and this is murder. What superb qualifications for ten years' more of CIA employment! What better endorsement of "security checks", what better certification of suitability for work in the White House - with an automatic pistol and means of hiding it yet!

If you recall my correspondence with John Dean of which I sent you copies, then some of the recent disclosures, including those on the use of tax money on the Nixon property, should not be news to you. It is unfortunately easy to understand what has been going on if we have a background and an unfettered mind.

Thanks for whatever you can do without too much trouble. Our best to all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg