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Dear Congressman Edwards,

Today's Post story on Colson's interviews with Bast confirms my belief that if Colson has found Christ, he is not in Heaven but in the White House.

There is in these direct quotations what is not only factually entirely incorrect but what I am certain Colson has to know is the opposite of the truth.

I am at this point in my writing. I have part of it on paper in earlier chapters.

As I have written you, I have to spend two days in Washington this week. This will slow my writing down. However, if there are no other interruptions, I hope to have a draft by early next week.

For whatever my opinion may be worth to you, I believe that this area on which Colson touched is one of the more significant of the unexplored ones (officially, to the best of my knowledge) and that it is not by accident that Colson, with or without collaboration with others, seized upon it.

From what I know -- and I use this word in the sense of admissible evidence -- the Colson story is false. From what I know it is also quite Byzantine.

This is the area in which I said I could tell you what to subpoena from whom and where I believe that using my good offices might be better all around, where the innocent can be hurt.

On the Archives and the "gift," I believe that I forgot to add that the fine print gives Nixon the right to take 100% of the papers back. While I have not interviewed anyone at the Archives on this, it is my belief that one of the reasons the contract was never signed is this provision.

When the Democrats filed their civil suit the CREEPS actually transferred files to the Archives as "Presidential papers," if I recall the news stories correctly.

Sincerely,

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cc Tom Susman