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Dear Js,

Got your letter of the 24. enclosure on Betheell, etc, day before yesterday as we left town. Expect to return tomorrow. Had to go to Wil. Del for (delayed) hrg. My mother also lost 13 lbs of assorted tumors and seems to be in remarkably fine condition, considering the extent of the surgery and her age. So, having brought the mill for other purposes, I'll answer mail. Multipurpose tripping.

The Harwood quote is undoubtedly in the large file I kept and mislaid when we moved. This is a minimum, but if you have any more, I'd appreciate it. The Post story may, in fact, be more than they syndicated. You'll see how narrow my interest is when you see what I've written. Jaworski as CIA is one of my present interests.

Somewhere I remember seeing a reference to Dean Storey and his OSS experience. Do you recall where it may have been?

Your entry, "A hidden liberal - Cord Meyer Jr may refer to Braden's role. If you ever have any further interest in this, I think I have one or more clippings. These are true and dedicated "liberals".

One of my radical-right correspondents has sent me an advance of Geoffrey Wolff's incomprehensible denial in the Sunday Times Book Review of my truthful footnote that he had been ordered not to review my book. He was my source, and I respected him for his honesty. I'll be writing about this and will send you a copy. Matter of fact, the D of O&D spoke to him after he read proofs of F-U and he then confirmed this, for D told me. W was then with Newsweek. How the tentacles do slither.

Lil read the letter to me as we drove. I'd gotten the mail as we left. I think I'll wrap a few of these together and see if anyone can place it in the underground papers, if nowhere else. The Kaplan piece for the USIA should be awaiting me when I get home, and a young friend is checking other possible writings of this character. Wish I knew more about Barkham. Think I'll poke a little fun at Fred Graham at the same time. None of these literary whores knew it, but I was planning (and may yet do) a book titled "Dick Daring in the Hellbox, Or How I Got Rich in Six Months". So, I keep full notes! With the Post, I had extensive correspondence, and the order to Wolff followed the embarrassment of that great liberal Wiggins who had agreed for me to do a column, then asked me to cut it (and was, apparently, unhappy that I just snipped off the last 2/3) ~~finally~~ but never kept his word. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Never used any of it. They've been boycotting me since.

But can a reviewer do otherwise today and have employment?

Don't rush on that Harwood clip if it has more on Jaworski, for I hope Lil will have that long chapter retyped before the mail can reach me. I'll include this small quote.

Harwood, by the way, figured in that Post flap. He had just joined them and they had given him an impossible assignment. I'll never forget one thing he told me by way of explaining why there was no doubt about the autopsy: Kenny O'Donnell had invited Ben Bradlee, then with Newsweek, I think, to attend the autopsy. How could there have been anything wrong, he said. But Bradlee forgot he was a newsman and didn't accept the invitation. I'm not using this now, so keep it quiet. He stayed on the 17th floor at Bethesda with Jackie. All of history may turn on this single abdication, for had he tried to go there, with or without a White Invitation, he'd have been kept out or ejected. When you read PH you'll get the picture...I've been sitting on this since 5/66, but I think when I return to the missing part of PH, I'll start a chapter with it. It is about time to tit some tats. But I prefer a context, and my new stuff will be it. Thanks and best,

Hal