

12/12/72 While the last few drops of my morning coffee drip through, let me note for your possible amusement another evidence of the Post's new machismo: no mention of that \$10,000 in \$100s. They missed in on Sunday; they ignored it on Monday. I'd like to think they'll still be doing something with it. When they have carrier the ball more than any other paper on the story, it is, I think, a bit odd that they just seem to refuse to print that they don't use first. The Baldwin story from the LATimes was not the exception it may seem because they did use the essence of it unattributed first, before the Times, apparently when fed to them by an official source. H

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12/13 Before having to leave I've started skimming today's Post to see what I want to read and to catch the headlines. The series on SEAsia seems to be on aviation there. There is a p. 1 piece by Haynes Johnson I'll want and I think you'll want to read on a "olive branch" speech made about Nixon in L.A., judging from what I on p. 1 only. From this it is impossible for me to separate the possibilities of sincerity, politics and perhaps fear. If Nixon can be praised for his international initiatives (which is separate from his intentions or their consequences as it is for his personal responsibility in making them impossible for earlier presidents), this seems to go farthur. If "new faces" may be good in an administration, I've seen no good ones in his and all bad ones. EMMK, of course, sees through different eyes. However, I think you'll want to do your own thinking on this. H