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Dear Js,

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While awaiting the (late) mail, a few comments.

Separately I'll be sending everything in the Post on the Guild McG endorsement, all anti, including an editorial column accompanying today's editorial. We seem to have missed the paid, anti-endorsement ad in yesterday's Post. I read the first section and the editorial pages only and Lil was feeling punk. I've marked an interesting (to me) limning in Bagdikian's piece. How appropriate the thread-cutting in elbow-joints as an illustration on this issue. I have yet to see and plea that owners and policies even pretend to be neutral, or any acknowledgement by the Liberi Post that its coverage has been at all impartial. They were a major part of the anti-McGovern gangup.

In some of the letters I've sent some things may be obscure. One referred to Wecht's demands of the Archives for the tissue slides. They are outside the contract hence not that to which Marshall can grant access. They are not in the Archives, hence not within the power of the Archives to present to him. They seem to have disappeared, together with the brain, which was not buried. I've a pretty fair notion where they are. CBS' George Herman asked me for help on this a while back and I have other sources reporting their existence and where. My point was, however, simpler. We know that not enough samples were taken, not enough studies made. The crucial ones were not, according to all the public material. They are lost in the supplementary autopsy protocol if this interests you. In the remote event others not listed were made, as with the margins of the anterior neck wound, and the even more remote event they would be made available to Cyril, and even if they show the distinguishing characteristic of entrance wounding, scorching, not the commonly misunderstood bruising, that adds nothing to what we know. Therefore, I see nothing to be gained and much to be lost by forcing the production of those studies which will be misused to reinforce the official mythology. Especially as part of an application under the contract in which they are not covered.

I'm babysitting a 250 lb nephew being hassled by the police today, the one day he would be without a witness in case the police come for him for a vandalism he could not have committed and for which they picked him up with excess zeal and drama Friday. He phoned me for the police station, I spoke to one of the cops and they walked him. But the intent of an over-diligent, dedicated-wrong cop is apparent. He knows what happened and therefore anything he does is right because he knows. A kid does something wrong and given sufficient official dedication, he never has a chance to straighten out. With our help and despite deep emotional problems, this kid is doing pretty well. After hearing from him his bravado when he was first arrested, when he was guilty, I cautioned him and explained how he could more maturely accomplish his purpose should this happen again when he was innocent. He remembered it after months and it worked, so is he happy? He blew a cop's mind. With politeness yet. And with his mother present as a witness. I suggested to the mother, with the proof of innocence completely irrefutable, that she take him to the police station, say here he is, what do you want -let's get it over with, and all they could do was again try to entice him into a false confession. They were so taken aback by his politeness that forget to ask him what the proof of his innocence is. So they can't rig their evidence to circumvent it.

If the Cyril ploy hadn't wasted enough time for me, this whole business with the nephew and sister in law sure has. But, gradually, they are getting over a very rough period in their lives.

Today's Post has nothing further on the bugging story. Nothing on TV news yesterday or this a.m., only what I mentioned in memo on radio, and that disappeared fast enough, and this time it is a tangible link to the Republican high command that is suppressed. A fitting commentary on the purity of the Post in its protestations about reporterial purity as measured by political endorsements.

Did you notice that on Meet The Press yesterday Connally attacked McG because some of his supporters are actually critical of The Establishment (JBC's own words?) I doubt that will get many new votes for Nixon, but some of the uninformed young and minorities may have caught it.... Seymour Topping was in CBS-TV a.m. news last quarter this a.m. with his new book, I think titled China Between Two Visits. What was dealt with is the old period and most of the time was on State's refusal to respond to Mao's approach to U.S. ambassador for a meeting Back When. And the consequences. They ran out of time when Topping was explaining how no amount of pressure (he doubts there was any) from USSR. China, could persuade NVN to forget Geneva 1854. I missed Riegal on Today with his anti-Nixon Congressman's diary. Walking. Lil saw, said it was good. Best, HW

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