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6/23/72 Dear Js, I have often wonder-  
 ed if the phrase I so like from WWII,  
 he had such friends they eliminated  
 his need of ~~me~~ enemies, is original  
 or something that lingers from read-  
 ing in the mind without the source  
 sticking to it. Anyway, such a thing  
 has come to pass, rather abruptly  
 and from two young men about whom I d  
 did feel as though they were my sons.  
 There is what may for the time being  
 be an incimprehensible letter enclo-  
 sed. I'll probably be sending you  
 more from time to time for the reason  
 explained last night. It brings crisis  
 close and requires that, having writ-  
 ten EMK the long enclosure, I must get  
 get to postinf corrections on the  
 master of PM on the event the pos-  
 sible stink creates an interest and  
 so that it can be accurately used.  
 So, having skimmed your (I think-  
 left it where I keep things to read,  
 near a chair that is comfortable from  
 wearing) 6/18, which arrived today,  
 I thank you for it and the great  
 stuff on Ge vais, which is exactly  
 what I'd hoped you'd have out there.  
 Every item you specify is relevant  
 to the point I wanted to make, and  
 Je'safterthought may perhaps be the  
 most relevant. However, with the  
 long procession of "working" com-  
 pany, which made me lay this aside,  
 and sudden and total silence from  
 N.O. again, and this newest im-  
 pending crisis, I must switch (which  
 is not rather than fighting here but  
 part of it) back to PM. I'll be  
 writing only when the light is too  
 bad for posting corrections in the  
 master until it is all corrected.  
 ...You did send me a copy of the  
 Paris-Match, but the last time I  
 used French was in Africa in 1942,  
 and that was the first time after two  
 years in 1928-9...It was great of  
 you (both) to take the time on the  
 Gervais thing, and it exactly fits  
 my hunch and need...I'd hoped to  
 write you lasy night, recall trigger-  
 ed by the worst storm in this yar  
 parts in 40 years, about what it  
 reminded me of and an adm@nition to  
 keep a journal. If I have to cue  
 off for a while, for my nerves are  
 over-taxed, I may do that soon. But  
 the immediate purpose is to acknowle-  
 ge and thank for the mailing. H