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Dear Jim,

10/17/72

Here it is noon, I've not yet looked at the paper. At this point Hil phoned to say she is ready for me to pick her up. I'd thought I'd have time to write before her class finished for the day. So, response to your 10.13 will now wait.
18-Hadn't seen, glad to get Times editorial endorsing McGovern. Very good for a change.

Later: Your Chron 10/3 clip on the alleged French attempt on JFK 1961, Jose Luis Romero, seems to have one thing not here: involvement colons. Of course, they were anti-deGaulle, so they'd have welcomed any adversary, not wanted him offed. (No, the Post didn't carry it. JERay sent it from the Nashville Tennessean.) Also, the press gab about the Douma munitions heist of 1961 is that it was colon stuff, ONI given as source, fingered by CIA. There is a probative tale that CIA put up \$50,000 for one of the attempts on Le Grand.

3class J mailed today. Some just because it might interest or entertain (cartoons). Je should be able to know whether there is time from heads, almost without exception. Much because it is Post reporters' versions of what you'll have from other sources, some because others might miss, etc.

Were it not for the beautiful view(s), and despite my exhaustion and the darkness, I remember both ends (even the place where I sat, and ultimately dozed), from your account of the msp conditions under which Je labors, I'd be tempted to subversion by describing what Mary got from her truly reactionary husband down in Dallas: a little cabin all her own outside the kitchen door. No windows, completely airconditioned, separate phone, etc. Without the crowding, the wonder is that Je can do as much as she does. Especially with those hours! And workmen!

From time to time I find myself wondering if the early backgroubding I did on WG helped. I've seen indications, but realize they could be spontaneous, or from other sources, etc....Wondering now about writing Senator Mac, clipping enclosed. The early radio accounts (I heard Sunday in Wilmington from Westinghouse spurce, b'cast from W'house Phila all-news KYW) were garbled and opposite this. This is in character. I think it marks a real taking of position for him. His electoral majority is always Democrats.

Your ref to the Wallace attempt reminds me of the forecast I did immediately for the Enquirer: it helped Nixon, not McGovern, Democrats or anyone else, and Wallace's strength was slipping, not increasing. Electorally, that is. I'm toying with the idea of approaching Enq again on Hunt and CIA-domestic spying.

Your account of winterizing burgher, clipping and trimming, reminds me of a deal that might interest you for coming retirement if you like to do as I do, listen to what is called news while working outside. I am in a fringe area, so a small set is no radio at all. Both my larger ones are on the blink, but I may get one fixed. I take one with real volume to where I'm working then work and listen when I can (yes when chopping, usually no when sawing, never when motor-mowing). Admiral is advertising a deal on TV: Look at their sets and get a transistor radio for \$1.99. I saw one. It is the size of a pack of cigarettes, 100s. I understand 6 transistors. Fit shirtpocket easily.

Your account of the rising mists reminds me of something I'd never seen except that night, on the way there. As we drove across the bridge, there was this wall of fog, clear in front, no wisps, rising far above the top of the bridge, coming fast on us. It enveloped as we crossed the bridge. We have the similar feeling of isolation, coming not from towering above the water but from the enveloping pines. It is great! I remember the chair as Danish, I think a sofa like it, I was at the left end, from the entrance, closest of us to that large window. Hows that for sleeping through so much of it?

If I sent you both the American Opinion and Congressional Record versions of Stang, don't bother copying. Keep the CR. It is in 3class K, to be sent.

As long as the Post ~~is~~ stays hot on the Orwellians I'll try for the extra copy and send those stories 1cl. To date when I couldn't get a copy in town our deliveryman had them left over and I could get them the next day. He gets credit for the surplus and paid for the copy, so it is more profitable than our regular order!..A real stroy has been missed in the indictment. It spells it all out and could end the sanctimony, but the brains or balls are weak. I couldn't get the Post to do it. They claimed to have seen what I spelled out (here, too, the extra clips helped). They might yet. They have to keep going now, I think.

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