

Js, you'll know what I had in mind. You may not understand what I mean by Bud's ego and what it makes him do and think. About a year after his committee was working he said to me, exultantly, one day, "We finally got something you don't have" like a real accomplishment. "What?" I asked. "Exhibit 710". So, I told him that if he had read COUP when I loaned him a copy instead of the sick stuff he likes, he'd have read not only Exhibit 701 in facsimile but the history of it and its disappearance. For all of the great time Smith alone has spent in the Archives, neither has shown me a single thing he has rescued from oblivion and I know of nothing really significant. This inability to do anything in his own right, even with helpers, and after the expenditure of much money, galls Bud and he holds it against those who do what he can't. Even on the Ray case. And there, when I figured out the possibility of a Partin angle and loaned him a picture of Wyatt, maybe three years ago, he "lost" the picture and never used or showed me any of his Partin files from his Senate days. HW 4/19/73

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