

Dear Jim,

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Before going to bed last night I began to read Cushman's Vol. 8 testimony, fell asleep sitting up reading and so went to bed. Got up early and finished it and wrote the into for that part because I do not believe a careful reading of Walters' testimony can make any change in what I have drafted. Reading Cushman, which also means going over what I was sure I'd noted about the committee's performance, confirms what we have believed from the first about the covering up, but it provided specifics and enables detailing what was covered and how. In this connection, the references to the staff preparations are important in several areas, showing what was known, what the staff did not give the members, and what all hid, etc. I'll try to get the three for the top three CIAers. However, my purpose in this hasty note before I "Merry Christmas" Lil, is to ask that if and when both of you read this testimony and in some ways even more the relevant exhibits, which I read long ago, you note, if you have time, anything unusual you may see, anything I should not miss. This whole thing was done at once openly and subtly. It is criminal on all parts. It is perjurious and it does violate law. They walked on all those eggs and broke none! As of this moment I have not read Exhibit 128, introduced just at the end with the explanation that "all references to foreign intelligence" have been removed (3311). I have made a detailed enough study of earlier-available Huston memos to know that what the committee hid was not always, not even usually, "foreign intelligence" material. These exhibits are on pp. 3394 ff and a hasty glance at the first page persuades this was domestic stuff. Until I can take time to check I can't be sure but I think this was leaked to the Post & NYTimes, and printed without excisions. If so, I have already written comparisons, showing what was hidden by the committee. I don't believe the Nixon-Huston interest was really foreign intelligence and do believe domestic intelligence was their major and fascist concern. I've just turned the few pages before having to stop and it all seems to be the same as the stuff I went over earlier and have in my police-state chapter. Best, HW 12/25/73