

Dear Jenifer and Jim,

12/26/73

Glad you seem to be having a decent holiday. Except when it means that we get behind in what is important to us, I think these added social contacts are good, more than just a pleasant change or the other blues of seeing old friends again. Our Xmas was a bit more pleasant than in recent years, probably because of the timely arrival of the Dutton check and the sense of relief from reducing our debt that much and of getting the first of next year's four interest payments made at the same time.

Your mail with the JDW note of 12/21 came this a.m. I respond while interrupted by one of the needless problems posed by the errant nephew. Took a hunk out of yesterday for me, upset Lil, and my waiter buff friend in NYC spent most of the day searching for the kid who had managed to reverse two digits in the address of the pad he had in the zany situation into which he got himself and found himself broke and gasless in either the lower Bronx or upper Harlem. I expect the phone to ring soon with the word that the tank has been filled, the kid has the cash for tolls and no more, and then I can call his mom and Lil. With these things on mind, best not to try to put Hunt together again, as I'd started doing in early a.m.

If you want an excuse to check with Hal, and I'm not suggesting it is necessary if you want to, then there is a little more available on his former interest, Arnold Lewis Kesler. PH has it. The travellers' cheques he had. Or, there really was some interest in him because this does represent some effort. If he doesn't want to ask PH, I'll make copies for him.

Je's note from Newsweek 12/3/73 on Ford and his commercialization of Warren Com.: If there had been a disposition to use this, if anything could have made a difference, that could have. The story was never told, he was primed to anticipate what would be said, and he merely backed off with another lie- and got away with it because everyone wanted him to get away with it. With what else was available, even under the circumstances proper use could have made a difference.

I never did hear from Mel Elfin again. Do you know the name of his investigative reporter, Nicholas \_\_\_\_\_? Don't go to trouble to learn if you don't know.

Je's 12/13/73 on Caddy: By now you have a list of the newer clips, meaning to me. If you want any, I do have them filed properly. Under Caddy.

The memos Je said were enclosed were not. Not at least when the envelope reached me this a.m. Perhaps she were simple not put in, ~~was~~ the kind of thing on which I'd prefer I enjoy a monopoly. If so and if you have not sent by the time you get this, instead please just give me the dates. I don't think I thought of checking that way. HR made a single and monstrous big file of those memos when he was here. I will be reading all of them at some point in the near future (especially after listening to the tape of the conversation with Pearl yesterday) but I'd prefer to delay that until I am read to do the writing to which it is relevant. I don't hold things in mind as I used to and I want that to be fresh because there will be so much. But with the dates I can pinpoint the missing stories and replacing them will be simple. The same with Bennett's statements, if that does NOT mean a big problem. Keeping those early clips in chronological order and then having two different concepts in two different minds when they were refiled was not a good idea!

Je's note of 12/23 attached to the KPFA 11/30/73 David Selvin on tape "aborts" is new to me and I'm glad to know. I really don't believe this kind of thing can be accidental and we both expected something like this, not alone by any means. Here again the refusal of WxPost to make the obvious and necessary technical inquiries at the outset cost much. That no papers or net or news operation seems to have done this still seems incredible.

12/7/73 KPFA 6:30 p.m. news on Kimbrough's story: Glad to get but don't believe. There is too much self-destruct in this. Perhaps the simplest explanation is that the Zadeko cats is wacky. But this is potentially useful to the Dept Disinformation, so I do not think it can be dismissed. When Hunt wouldn't even talk openly to Conein by phone and long after Conein retired, can you believe he'd write letters on a conspiracy to kill? However, I will make a separate file on this and make a copy for Cesar. In the course of making another copier adjustment to do this, I came close enough to try another copy of

WxPost on Hunt-domestic intelligence (enclosed). After holidays I'll use that contract and get it fixed.

That An Icy Reception Chron 12/8/73 story is entirely new to me. I saw and heard nothing like it. Nor have I any recollection of ever having heard of a chief of state handling any diplomatic wife (except, of course, in utter privacy). This is unheard of and is another indication he really has flipped. Source of story not indicated, but it seems apparent that "patted... on the chest" means pawed her breasts. Whether "three times" means three separate time of thrice in succession is not so important as the fact that appears notto have been denied.

The conclusion of the story, about the iciness of the reception at the Desert Ball, is new to me. It may have appeared without my noticing it but I think that had it gotten any DC attention I'd have heard it. Or other within hearing because I've been getting up early and switching stations while getting started and doing things other than writing. There has been nothing like this that I've heard from the three cities + monitor early mornings nor on the DC news when I've listened during daylight.

The psychological depictions accumulate. Not much after 4 this a.m. I wrote several pages based on Connecticut Walker's Parade Piece and some relevant clips I'd put aside and Helms' testimony on "psychological profiles."

Kimbrough again: I had a call on a LA call-in show from one of this name some years ago and I have a file that includes a copy of his song on JFK and maybe other things. I also think he is the guy who was up to some kind of movie deal. He asked for to help him put together a portfolio of still pictures for showing. I'll try to remember to ask Lesar if the nuts have a file on him. Didn't know he had a book. Shudder!!!

Expect we'll go to DC in a.m. unless it snows (rain now and too warm). I've talked Lil into getting shoes. Imagine that being a big deal for me! I'll arrange to see Lesar because there are several things pending, as you may have gathered from carbons of various kinds.

Best,

Just heard from Lesar. Ray has fired Bud but nobody else, apparently based on some false notions and some accurate but misintepreted ones. I've felt this was coming in part because of some of the things Bud has said over the years and more, what some of the nuts with whom he associates publicly have said, as recently as Herv Griffin show aired after delay in DC and Baltimore last week. Don't know if this means I'll have to go see him or not.

Jim will be filing for John in Supreme Court any day now. He finds he is satisfied that I've not exaggerated and that, after all his assassination-connected experience, is as incredible a framing as I said. More as it develops. John followed my suggested course and authorized Jim to enlist what help he can, beginning with ACLU.