

News like the Asia Foundation b'casts on KPFA 1/24,28 is the kind we never see or hear. It is comforting to get this from-the-text confirmation of what Jim and I had earlier agreed could be the only end except continuing open US involvement. Lending them to Howard. I'm not at all certain Troscear is correct in attributing the resumption of bombing and war continuation on Kissinger (1/24, bottom) and incline to believe it was not his idea. What is even more comforting is to note that the flue took none of the steel out of the STM's mind. Ref: undated memo on "and" and "the" agreement. This proves again that never were the mighty so humbled, never have they been more dishonest, never the press more accomplice. How it must rankle, in the various no-longer White Houses, the Pentagon and the military in the field. (Hope it doesn't trigger some new insanity. Did you catch Zumwalt's complaint?)

HW 2/5/73

Re S-I 1/25/73 suit filed vs Rault: "knowing N.O., I can believe all the charges without trouble. This kinds of things are par for there and for the moneyed. I have had no response to my letter to Rault and just this morning I was wondering if I should attempt any more. If I had the current N.O. scorecard, figuring who plays what position - and how - would be difficult enough. All kinds of deals may have been made, for special purposes. I don't remember, if I ever knew, who are counsel to the defendants. Because they were all friends and supporters of JG, they may ve taking his word and depending on him. If they do, they are lost. Because I have always felt that at least in part vengeance figures in this, it is fuzzier still. I am without doubt that I have what can win for the moneyed defendants and that nobody else has it, esp. not JG, who tried and failed when I gave him the leads, long before there was a trial. HW 2/5/73

Letter to Grunwald, TIME: Got call today from Sandy Smith, Wash Bureau, who is coming tomorrow. Letter had been referred to him. I've agreed to give him full access but not for use until I hear if there is any chance of selling in England. The NYReview did not even answer my inquiry. They haven't changed personally. Neither did Izzy Stone, who is no stranger. Smith says they know little of Hur but want to know more. HW 2/6/72

Jack Dempsey's 1/29/73, S-I "Winsberg Attorney Levels Charges": Didn't I tell you not even with a scorecard? Here it is charged that the government is hiding Gervais abroad and Garrison is in on it! If remotely true, something is up! And what new kind of deal could Gervais have? I am inclined not to believe, but it is fascinating. Pershing has a career of repeating the improbable that, except for his having done it, would ordinarily be the impossible. I am now more inclined to believe that JG and PG are footsie again, and can credit that part. HW 2/7/73

The Bantam reprint of Frank's book is to be out next month. It is printed. I have a copy. Frankly, I'm surprised Bantam went for it. There was but a single Doubleday edition, which means it was a real pig publishing disaster. If it looks like a poor reprint endeavor, it may have been contracted in advance.

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Watergate Goof close to Anderson's 1/21/73 column, S-1. Not in Post column that I recall, but printed as part of a story. Learning Lieder, NYT "Extra" 1/22: when he should have been looking down he wasn't. Ain't human. Did you notice that his left hand is not holding blonde's? It clasps her right thumb while she has a lock on his wrist. His thumb sticks up. 2/7

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Kalman KPFA 1/31 on SVN demanding NVN go through customs: play in east as NVN denouncing as trick to contrive what would be taken as recognition of sovereignty, independence. Same, 1/31, I guess a Presidential order to exPOWs not to talk is unusual, but we'll see if it will bind on all and if one talks, if they'll try to retaliate. They have to know he was doing with them exactly what he says should never be done, use them. I'm not sure, but I think enlistments that run out are automatically continued through repatriation and any needed treatment, but not that the time as prisoner has to be made up. Which means most should be out pronto. HW 2/7/73

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Nuts Is Nute, or Thank God for the CTIA (short, stiff bow to Tom Braden). CTIA research director (sic) Bob Smith wrote a rather amateurish piece questioning the authenticity of the coming Romero book for Computers, which also printed a translation of L'Aurore's piece. Having seen this, I invited Bob to come up here to go over extensive relevant files I have. Generally, I have nothing to do with anything CTIA. However, here at long last is something that if not a great thing, at least is not irrational. So, Smith hasn't responded. Cesar called me for some advice on some Ray developments (legal) & I told him I'd not heard from Bob. He said he'd tell me when He sees me. I said I'd rather expected a high policy decision He just laughed. I guess there is nobody at the CTIA who can stand being right for a change. HW 2/7/73