

If you find what I send 1,3 class con-  
fusing, I'll explain. I'll take from 3dl  
envelope and add to 1 to make the stamp  
work its limit. Thus, I am about to go  
for walk before Hil has read and clipped  
post. I've marked it. If I mail this now  
it will save two days in getting to you.  
Or, I drive 10 miles. And it has been  
almost two weeks since I got go for  
walk. Prediction, heavy snow. 1/6/73

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If you have figured our  
what if anything Alsop is  
up to, I'd welcome your  
opinion. I find myself,  
after spasmodic thought,  
wondering if it could be  
no more than his old lik-  
ing for things Chinese  
expressing itself, genuine-  
ly impressed by what he has  
seen. HW 1/5/73

Braden's 1/6/73 column is interesting as self-  
justification and justification, indeed, exculpa-  
tion of Nixon. He didn't have to hire those out-  
of-date CIA types and the fact that he did makes  
them not out-of-date to him. Or, Braden is wrong.  
He is also wrong in saying that this is just an  
overdue housecleaning of the CIA. Makes one won-  
der is he is controlled by wistfulness only. He  
again justifies the anti-democratic as democratic,  
as he justifies the US's cold war. HW 1/6/73

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