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Dear Jim,

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Your very interesting 10/23s could not have come at a better time for a man whose immediate duty is an extremely unpleasant one and was anxious for an excuse for delaying it. I got started at 4 a.m. and was close to winding up a very long chapter when the mail came. It includes the CA spectro decision that will tie my guts in knots but I'll have to do the analysis. Lil is in the third day of one of her crippling headaches, of emotional origin, I'm sure and I think she is getting ready to consider, so I don't want to be where I can't hear her should she call, hence no outside work on a beautiful day, warm for this time of the year.

Thanks for the gift. I'll be seeing Lesar Tuesday and will repay him, as my enclosed note on Cushman indicates. That will also remind me to repay him. And I'll have the note broken because I will get a roll of stamps Monday. As the space between the hand and the mouth increases these little things, always appreciated, are more welcome...Lil has even started making yogurt, from powdered milk, too!

By now you should have gotten the first 3 Ervins. I have the fourth ready to mail and won't until I hear from Howard, who may want. If you have no friend who wants the dupes, please hold until I hear from him or another.

I've not read the enclosed clips but I've skimmed the Who's Whos, for which thanks. It is exceptional that Bennett is not in it. I assume he and Mullen are both CIA and he is not in it for that reason. The Mullen bio backs this somewhat. ECA was a CIA front, esp. in SEAsia. My note on Hunt and FE. I'll have to copy that for you now!

Lesar is overly busy now. Elke can but usually doesn't. He works at Lib. Congress. But come to think, he is no longer Jim's neighbor.

Cushman and naval-attache's office: fits nicely, as you'll see, for my hunch seems to have been a good one. Coorection on Carlson: he was earlier and was an attache, not a runthrough. If Cushman disappeared and you saw him there, he could have been ONI. Or the like.

If we have to consult this of your letters, I'm filing it under Cushman because 3M hasn't found a turtle yet! It is a writing rather than a permanent file.

KRON Cox transcript: I was sure I'd heard Cox say that GL met with Hunt. Bears what I've believe and will be writing differently as I build toward it.

I have trouble keeping all the things in mind I used to be able to and would now like to. Many of your thoughts in the 28p one coincide with what crossed them, in the mail. I added a few this a.m. and more came to mind while I was doing other things and later, when I took a walk while Lil was lying down.

GL/Dean: If I didn't say, I consider it possible that GL is outraged that his sick mind's baddie can get off as he sees it easily, I also had that in mind as among the possible triggers. Perhaps heat is the basic one. Note last night's press conf. and his coolness boast. Ugh!

Your Stalin thought is like what I've been remembering of Jackson: The Supreme Court has ruled; now let it enforce. The divisions are better. Hoppe is superlative! You will see that early a.m. I noted still another military possibility.

Because the way Lil felt last night made me uneasy about going to bed when she was finally asleep, I also listened to talk shows and fell asleep sitting up with a little transistor set in my lap. It is precisely, as of last night, after the press conference, a you report from out there, including all but a couple of GOPs and they were to laugh at. And were. He is in that kind of very bad shape. That dangerous. Perhaps you have not been subjected to what I have: honest conservatives, decent people who believe that way. Hell hath no fury like...

Alas it seems that you also are learning that there is a certain amount of time that must be wasted with the tube because a small fraction is not wasted and is not available elsewhere.

I've suffered the lack of a real chronology and from the need to abandon the card file, which became an impossibility. Except that Lil is using it as she retypes draft to note or post first mentions of ~~ft~~ names so I can later be sure each is fully identified.

UFO's (and glad you did an acupuncture piece—I recall a few of the things you

said earlier) extra heavy play here, TV and radip and debunking papers. If Hynek has switched rather than fight, that is something. y the way, when you get to magazine stabs after this, check Saga. The editor is a bug on them and since I've known him, six years, has been satisfied they are for real.

It was Pascagoula, Miss. Those two got a hard and honest TV play on nets. They came accross as rational and were not treated as kooks in what we saw. There has been much more this time that I can remember, and it has covered a larger area at about the same time, from the Gulf to around here.

Your bulkhead repair: I'd made a deal with a local handyman to use his chain saw to take down a couple of large locusts so I can repair our dam in return for some seasoned post I'd cut bu hand. He has been coming for two weeks today and is not here. We are in a drought, rain 40% possibility tonight, and we have rare fish, tame that is. If Lil gets to where she is not uncertain on her feet, I'll go down and take one down with a 15" pruning saw, trim it out and lay court to one of my neighbors with a real farm rather than a lawnmover tractor to drag it into place. Sp, I know what can't be done when we are 60. I can remember when I'd put a 20' pine log on my shoulder and carry it uphill. One made the upper and lower plates of a 40-ft brooder house. Lil's retired-farmed cousin watched in disbelief. I didn't think I could do it, but I had to. Ah! are those days gone! But I still enjoy working outside, even with things on the mind and a desire to get them done.

I guess what I wanted the dean tape for is taken care of by the transcripts I now have. I had his statement. Some of it was edited out, maybe that is what I wanted the tape for. Where it is word-for-word he said he'd skip, and it relates to "unt, so I guess he was cued on that.

Reminds me: I no longer need the Alch cassettes. Want them back?

There is to be a heavy TV W@ play tomorrow's ~~but~~ TV net talk shows. I'll tape if it turns out you want them. I guess they are all on radio and you've learned when and where.

I wonder if the same thing will happen to "unt's testimony? I have that but I hate to think of taking the time. Rightly or wrongly I'm holding back on him and what relates, thinking more important by far than to now indicated.

There is only one way that the tapes will not support Dean's version, Exam 10/21: if they are edited. Haldeman established tyey support. He argæed on dates and extras.

Thanks also for the stamps. Lilk, who is lying down again, will particularly like the wildlife one, which she'll use. Thenothers gox, as you known, to kids, who also like- and swap like mad.

Should you want spectro decision, it will be only about 12 pp or Lesar will pick a printed one up. I understand it is an outrage and may reflect judicial terror. I'll know soon enough for I must now get to it!

Many thansk and best,