

Dear Jim, your 1/1/74 lists the meos I've been looking for on Caddy and says you can keep them separate for a while. If keeping them separate does not present the kind of problem it could in my jungle, I'd appreciate it because I would not only prefer to put for a while will need to delay going over the memos. I am working on an analysis of the Helms-Cushman testimony I'd like to try to keep in mind and complete but I've already had to take furloughs, as on Ray matters and civil suits. I am in the writing in which is is relevant but in the early stages and this part will be a separate book. Howard remembers the clips but not where he filed them. If nothing else, I may be able to retrieve the clips from the Post. Anyway, I have a big interruption current, winding up the helicopter suit. Heard from my lawyer by return mail today. He is no longer arguing. He did write the USAatty along the line I suggested to preserve the settlement in a tax-exempt status, my one conditon aside from amount because I detected a possible out, and I'll have to be there in person as well as be available for any help he may need or want. We will then be withing striking reach of a mortgage-burning party I do not plan but would be kind of ~~xxx~~ fun if the right people could be present. Plus correspondence on books, orders for which continue just about daily.

The things I need on Bennett should show up as I go over the Hunt material. In the event you bump into the relevant (NOT look for thanks) it is the fact of former Mullen-GIA links; Hunt's importance in the firm; his firing of Hunt; his (Bennett's) handling of campaign funds....I'll not be filing this letter because I will want the refs available. It will remind me about the Desert Ball and I have some nothing of how it may be filed. I believe I clipped from Style rather than news sections...Please thank Jennifer for taking all that time...I'll be taking time off this weekend to draft a Ruseell piece for the one agent I have, fine guy in London. The Nat Enq. sent me the carbon on the piece they didn't use and I find that there is no mystique about the special style. Less than 15 lines of lead and the rest 100% quotation of me. For them the downplay was considerable. They don't mention the destruction of the record Ruseell made by the staff in the lead and work it in casually in my quotes at the end. They even omit the double confirmation they got from his former staffers. (Not that documents need confirmation.) If I can sell a piece I'll be clear with the bank and that is important to us. So thanks much and I hope it will not be necessary to ask you to hold them out long...AP B wire today confirms my hunch that what Barker got is Bell's palsy. Had a friend who got it the same way, only not in jail. He could afford to se he feld to Hawaii when the bitter cold hit Washington. (He got over his, apparently.) Interesting missive from waid today and notice of Univ Arizona seminar on Assassinations of the Past Decade . Wecht, Francisco andNoguchi, 1/14. Oddly the non-profit printed stamp is xed out and the notice is metered. Best, HW 1/5/73