

Atlast with a 3:30 start I completed the final chapter other than conclusions of The Unimpeachment. I think I had it well along when I had to stop for the Ray matters. I'm sure I forgot to tell you that there was a time when Harper's Magazine was blowing HOT about IV and about so much of the other work. Then silence. Calls to Taylor Branch not returned. Many. He's writing a biography of Barker. I offered info in confidence, not to be used but as a basis of ~~understand~~ understanding lies and where to look and I now can only wonder if he's off and running wild...One of the great time-wasters and petty annoyances has been the need to tape the wrong-size, wrong-weight envelopes that in well over a month the printer has not replaced. Somehow JL hasn't been able to get it done and I'm too far away...I guess the slight encouragements of the first week of IV are that there is radio interest to begin with and a few orders are coming in from book stores. But the encouragement is slight. If we sell at the present rate and count no other costs it will take 30 weeks for JL to pay the principal only. Ifs. I'm going to have to try to find the time and means for more than phoned radio. I'll try to think while taking a walk on the below-freezing but windless mountainside after breakfast. Suggestions welcome. I've thought of a trade-deal ad with the Nat. Enquirer. Excited Don Freed called week ago to say he would call his Tatler chums Monday. Silence...One of the advantages of living in isolation is adjustment to silence even when it isn't a blessing! HW 11/30/74

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