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Dear Hal:

Very glad to have your Sept. 4 mailing with the word that your recent physical symptoms have eased off and that the vascular doctor more or less confirms it.

We neglected to tape Mark Felt on Face the Nation but did watch the show and felt no regret afterward that we hadn't taped it. To us he seemed to say nothing new, but of course it might have carried a different message to you. Hope Herman can dig up the transcript for you.

Enclosed are a full file of recent NY Times pieces on the FBI; by that I mean this is all that was carried within that time span. Don't return. We have cut down on this particular file so extensively that in the rare cases where we'll want to keep something it will be easier to copy for you. Accordingly you can reduce your concern for us in going through the Washington Post, if you haven't already.

It looks like Jenifer really has been able to figure out a way to cut down. She recently spent several weeks cleaning up a lot of loose ends that accumulated during her time out in the hospital, and in the past three days has sailed into a pile of NY Times and waded through more than 15 of them, emerging with a stack of clippings which is less than a tenth of what she'd normally take. We feel she just has to find some way of keeping herself current and informed without going through the rigorous search for details which has kept her so preoccupied in the past. She's doing fine in every respect, has regained all lost weight and has perfected her irrigation routine with new equipment that is much better suited to her needs.

I looked up Hal Verb's address in the current SF phone book, which lists him at 3544 Taraval St., SF where the zip code should be the same, 94116. His phone is the same as before, 665 3907. As I recall it, you got his SF listing from that photog who wrote to you about something, and apparently Hal since has moved a block in the meantime or the Photog or someone transposed two digits in his address. Anyway, that's what the phone book says. 3544, not 3454.

Without looking it up, my recollection is that ~~Max~~ Kessler was some guy in Dallas who had taken a gun into the TSBD some days before 22nov63, but I could be wrong. I'm certain, however, that the young man who had been to Mexico /and who taught a class at SF State at the same time Hal did was named Kafke, not Kessler. I mention this in case any confusion is involved.

We just heard about Mao's death. Don't send any routine stuff from the Post on this, but if something looks to be exclusive with the Post any unusual angles it might contain could be worthwhile. The big issue, of course, is whether Mao's supporters (the so-called radicals) have things as well in hand as it appears at the moment. Also, we believe something is cooking regarding Tibet, which you might keep in mind.

Hope you can keep up the impvlement in the way you're feeling.

Best. idw