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Dear Harold,

Real quick--A million thanks for your excellent letter to the Vanderbilt Scholarship Committee. It is fine as is, and I've sent it ~~HHH~~ off. I really appreciate these things. My thanks too to Lil who took the time to type the letter when she is doubtlessly swamped with other things to do.

Enclosed are copies (with some extras for the Whites) of things you might not have seen re Military spying, including the 1/13/74 NYT story you requested. I had previously sent other relevant clips.

This fascinates me, and has led me to wonder if there is a serious rift between Nixon and the JCS developing. I know there was a big flap on fuel allocation, which the Pentagon eventually won. I add this to your speculation on possibility of a military coup. Then I ask if Nixon isn't leaking this stuff to damage the military. Also note on the same day as the leaked story on military blackmail (1/13) the NYT carried another story reporting that many of the top civilian Defense posts were now occupied by military men. Any thoughts?

Incidentally, I have a copy of the Vidal Hunt piece, so don't bother to ask around for another. Thanks, anyway.

Must run. The part of my thesis that I intended as a brief chapter is now 100 pp., with much original research. It will tell the story like no other historian has ever done, and I'm very happy about it.

My best to you and Lil,

*Harold*