

Howard, a hasty note before waking Lil. This a.m. I finished the text of the Dean opening statement as it appeared in the early editions of the Post. That included only 6 paragraphs of the Meeting of March 13. I don't recall which day the Times never got here so I don't recall if there is prospect of the Times you had having the rest. If it does not, I'd appreciate it if you would check this when you have time in the library because the balance of the statement is important to have. I do not anticipate needing it for writing. No rush. I find this a more than credible account, one that will withstand more severe examination than Dean got. Also, it is a fascinating picture of the Byzantine Nixon White House. At some time in the future I think you will want to read the entire thing. Perhaps in the printed hearings...As best I can make a schedule and plans, most of today will be shot by taking 'il to and from work and with the visit of the waiter friend who is coming with his family. I plan to do a stack of photocopying, too. By the time I read the paper, there will be little time for anything else. Thursday I have to go to DC for a meeting with Bud and Jim on the spectro suit. Part of Wednesday will be taken up with gathering what they have but might not locate. So, for writing, in which I got a good new start early yesterday a.m., I'll have much of Tuesday, perhaps some of Wednesday, and Friday and later. I am not immediately picking up with what I've written about Hunt. If my notes get back today I'll probably continue with the beginning, which is least likely to be changed by events. Or, I may complete what I've started on Dean's testimony. I believe that in talking to the Germans my analysis that it would be a turning point was right. (There just is no way to refute it and the stupidity of the Nazi mind works against the Nazis because they are now in the position of having to help him produce even further authentication or of refusing to let it be done, which will be taken as authentication.)...I believe that from here on the focus of the committee will be what I think is the aim Ervin took at the Dean hearings, impeachment. This means, among other things, that much of the evidence will be ignored as not essential to that direction and there simply is not time for a full investigation of the magnitude the Dean statement alone permits. So, the note I wrote yesterday on the Hunt stuff does not relate to what I'll need this week. It is more important for my understanding as I think and write. If I get a not unfavorable response to my last letter to Italy, this situation may change. I'm in a better (not not good enough) position to present an outline and if I have to would. However, I'd rather submit a section of the book and that is the one that I think would be of most interest there. If this evolves, I might want to complete the Hunt part out of order....The German rep was late leaving to confer with his house, so I can't expect any answer until the end of this week at the earliest. They also may want to see a sample. For a decent advance, I think this is certain. Or, it is probable I may have to do the Hunt parts earlier than I'd like to. ...The amount of tiny but significant stuff Dean has squirreled away in his statement in a separate mind-boggler. Best HW 7/2/73