

Dear Jim, The Ford operations has become so effcient so fast I believe it was in preparation some time. The same press office that took weeks to mail out what Nixon wanted out now gets stuff out the same day. I phoned Monday PM to ask for GL's last two and Ford's first two speeches. They were in this a.m.'s mail. If you want copies. Tonight's NPR and NBC and ABC net TV news indicate that Ford is really making use of the let's-heal syndrome and while doing nothing and promising nothing taking the spokespersons of the minority groups into camp. They are saying what he will be using on tape when he runs again and they will not support him. They'll look bad, he'll be a victim, like GL Sr. ...No word from Lesar today, meaning nothing he had to tell me about from Memphis, he is staying over or at 8:20 p.m. he's not back...We should be in good shape there...WW IVall made up except last 2 pp appendix and index to which these additions must be added. And cover...No ABC nix means, I think, decision passed to NYC. Meaning not nixed DC. Best, HW 8/21/74

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