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Dear Jim,

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X With your 9/13 is the enormous work of STM who ought have other name, something like Dobbin (almost said Ol' Dobbin!). She sure is a packhorse! Glad to get it. The dupes, as you note, often have a tadbit. I've got a mental refrig full of them and hope to get some on paper today. Skimmed the envelope to see what there is to return, so I can do it promptly (and do) and this hasty response, because I may go into town in time to mail, while I'm awaiting a phone call from Carl Bernstein, if he gets around to it. They like what I feed them but not the work entailed if they'd do anything about it.

Reston sure is hungup, isn't he? The acupuncture didn't aeriate. I don't recall the radiation-seeding in the WC stuff, but that doesn't mean it wasn't there. From Aldous to Adolph, the "answer" is "science". Not man. Or politics.

I don't recall expect Bernstein to call, but there is just enough time before lunch.

X Wish you were coming here on your comingvacation! When is it, by the way, and are you going away? If you are, let me know how long to hold mail, beginning when.

It is about time that we disagreed on something, so I'm glad to disagree with your suggestion that Martha's newest was designed to take the spotlight from the Banking committee's revelations (it was House, not Senate). I'll be addressing this. I'm sending or I have sent or I enclose the Star-News stories. They are loaded, not hidere or blinders. I can't figure out how she got away with it, which credits you, not me, but I'm going on what she said, which is persuasive to me.

Dick is Bernabei, and you are right on Selye. But it is broader than the frustration factor. He means all stresses or whatever origin. In my case, for example, despite the record I think frustration is a minor contributor for I faced that long ago.

Your comment on the AP Wecht story is probably correct for elsewhere Cyril is quoted as uggesting that the object could have been a bullet. You should have my ridiculing this. And I've taken you advice and filed the cassetts. (I'm down to a dozen cheapies, but they are getting so cheap I won't buy the cheap ones unless they have containers. Could have gotten 3 for \$1.00 here last week, but the containers are costly, relatively, and I'm going to have to work out a filing system for them. They take up too much space in the regular files and I spent several hours yesterday going over boxes and boxes to dub excerpts for -believe it or not - the postal inspector.) Bosom and Banks: good, right. Wish I knew how it all began in recaps. (Wish I'd thought to ask Ian McDonald when he was here Saturday. He also sees what I don't and probably what you don't as it comes to The Times of London's Wash bureau. He and his wife, Cris(pina) were here Sat. p.m. and night. We enjoy them much. Cris, from Manilla, is an anthropologist. It is Ian who brought me the Star cuttings and the Barker/Rugaber setup.)

Top your page 2: Same guy from Munich, from the phon name. There is another point to the wee-hours news on radio: restraints present during more ordinary hours are not then. Your 3 a.m. indicates taped stuff, xfor he was aired here much earlier and there is the lag. Thus do I and have I for years learned in wee hours which doesn't get printed.

We agree also on German lying. I hate to generalize about a people, but there are some permeating traits. One of the more difficult things for me to accept was the fact of one of my more sensational World War II exposes, the willingness with which some Jews aided Hitler. There was a guy who came here in 9/39 and set up a front -I exposed, with such faith in his own beliefs that he left his wealth and family behind! (Schering, a story on which as a kid I beat the pants off Lee Rashall, then with UPI. He still remembers it!) I think it probably relates to the national thinking and the concept Ordnung muss sein.

To your commentary of the spot in which today's reporter is, may I add that those who have to live in this scheme of things are very often very decent people personally and that it is as simple as a survival mechanism? The same is true in book publishing and editors, from my not inconsiderable experience. (Re: Fritchey column.)

Larry's morgue produced some good stuff (not yet read) on African American Foundation. His letter enclosed. And Howard has sent something for you already in 3rd class H, as is extra copy LA CNS story referred to in earlier comment, I think. On Wolfer.

The enclosed to O'Brien was written with haste and too many interruptions. All the time I remembered the 3rd FDR campaign in which two of Henry Wallace's closest took me to lunch to ask me about the republicans and my knowledge and concluded they have the anti-fascist could I help them get the fascists. (Jimmy LeCron and Baul Appleby.) The today's are clients of his former firm, recent suckers on the public teat, from other ns, and neither he nor Democrats recall. Best and thanks, *Jim*