15 April 1973

Dear Harold:

Some odds and ends to clean up as the enclosed is assembled, and to answer your 7 through 9.

First of all, I made two stupid absent-minded mistakes in my last mailing and want to correct them. In the note dated April 1 about the Esquire article I wrote mistakenly in the third paragraph: "This could account for why Ramparts used the article...." Ramparts did NOT use it. I meant to say Esquire and for some reason wrote Ramparts. Ramparts, as far as I know, hasn't touched it.

The other mistake was in the brief April 3 note about the quote from Linus Pauling, where I omitted to say he was commenting on Nixon after seeing the GL on TV. No wonder you were mystified.

In a note you ask if we have a file on Edward Grady Partin. Not on him as such. In the Garrison file we clipped anything on either Hoffa or Partin after Sheridan's role in the Garrison case became prominent. So somewhere in that five-year accumulation of clippings we have several stories on Partin. However I recall no substantial backgrounders on him at all -- merely routine news items about his various court appearances which stuck strictly to the legal record and did not indulge in speculation or recounting of peripheral stuff like unconfirmed reports of involvements such as the one you are interested in. And I feel sure that if Perez had been mentioned in such a story I'd have pricked up my ears and made a mental note of it, simply because Perez was such a likely connection. Will keep your need in mind and in reviewing any of this stuff will keep an eye out for anything that seems to bear on it. I would make a more specific effort if I had any hope whatever that it would yield anything of use, but I do not think it would.

We do not know Larry Bensky of KPFA and he has no reason to know we exist. In this situation I cannot see approaching him for the kind of information you have in mind. However, if we should meet him, and if the subject can be approached naturally without dragging it in by the heels, I'll be glad to see what he'll say about his trip to Paris. You at least have talked with him. That's not much, but a better entree than either of us would have with him under the circumstances. Since you know what you want to get from him, (I presume, details of his trip to Paris for Ramparts) it would seem you'd have a better chance of getting information out of him than we would.

Re the Buckley tape, if and when you get the uncut version, we would be grateful for a dub, with the info on the label as issued reproduced as exactly as possible. No need to send us your tape of the TV program. The one we made here is good enough for our purposes -- a bit fuzzy and obviously miked from the TV set but still perfectly understandable.

The STM has had an interesting idea about Segretti. She noticed in references to him that the implication always is that he was involved in planning sabotage and espionage against the Demos. Recalling that he has been kept under wraps probably more than any of the others, it occurred to her that perhaps he was central in arranging all that allegedly leftwing hellraising and demonstrating against the GOPs during their convention in Miami Beach (which shocked and embarrassed all spokesmen for the left at the time because they were getting blamed for it). Is this why he has been kept so much

under wraps ? Is this what the Nixon people really fear -- that the GOP regulars will find out that the roughhouse stuff at Miami they blamed on the left was really engineered and staged by their own infiltrators and organizers ? And that Segretti, if he ever can be got on the stand, will have to spill the whole story ? You'll notice there has been no leak whatever about what he has told the Grand Jury. At least none that we've heard of. He's not the boyish kid he seems. You may remember that Dick Tuck, in that 29 March 73 piece he did for the WX Post, said he was mixed up with Haldeman and Nixon in the 1962 gubernatorial campaign fraud here in California.

There may be other reasons for keeping him under wraps, of course, and it may be that many GOP regulars already have a fair idea of what really went on in Miami Beach at the GOP convention, but that doesn't mean the Nixon people would care to have it all aired in public. Not while practically all GOP regulars are furious about what Nixon has done to their chances in 1974, not to mention 1976.

Enough for now, and best to you both. We trust Lil made it okay through midnight April 16.

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