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Dear Js, from the depths not of despair but of one of those situations that can lead to it and fresh from the waste of at least two hours I write to ask one of those favors I hate to ask. I'm never diplomatic in these things, so don't fear a major deal. If you can do this it will not be. What I have been looking for is my instant analysis of the WG original indictment. I wrote it on receipt of the copy, the date of which I do not recall. I have gone through every one of the dozens of files in which I could have put it or Howard could have refiled it, without success, even cross-reference. I have found only my 9/16/73 memo, which is not that one. The one benefit from all of this is that I found a copy of my original letter to Clawson, which HR did misfile, and a remarkable coincidence I now think has significance, the notice of deposit taking by Williams, mailed 10 days before the long-delayed indictment. Because I recognized that the emotional drain and strain of the Shepherd exchange, is unrealized, might have dulled my sensitivity, I went over most probably files at least twice. Now I'll be writing immediately, as immediately as getting Lil in a little over an hour, taking her someplace she has to go, and GL's pearly word of tonight, what I plan on this. Lil will type it when she finishes about 12 pages, so I'll do it pronto, too pronto. Not having the original analysis for the writing, I'll want it only for comparison, to see if I missed anything of significance. So, if you can find the copy I would have sent you and can lend it back or make a copy, I'd much appreciate it. NOW, if this present a problem, I am without doubt that I'll spot more than enough without it, so skip it. I mean only if in your filing you can retrieve without problem. The date of the indict. is 9/15/73...Organizational problems are more severe than Shepherd said. In this case, after rereading the opener, "The Boil That Burst" (bows where earned) I decided that I'd have to go into the dishonesty and inadequacy of the indictment immediately. Ordinarily, in a less complex book and concept (weaving GL in), it would have been next I decided that in this case it had to depart from the method on an analyst working with what was known when it was known, a means of addressing GL's participation, not knowledge, and possible command, to prepare the reader for the mindboggling. I am by no means confident this is now correct, but I think it is as of now. The uncertainty makes me edgier than Shepherd's letter did. I guess another fact that influenced

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decision is that as the reader will be anxious to bite red meat as soon as he can, so will any agent and publisher's reader. They also will have to be persuaded that there is basis for the doctrine that I have, to myself at least, simplified into another Warren Report and another officially-exculpated major guilty and minor guilties. With enough of this at the front, I'll be less apprehensive of the several completed(?) Nixon chapters that will follow (Tricia gave me a great line of two for timely inclusions yesterday, one I'll surely add to the opening of them (You can tell a man by his record). Lil had retyped 66 of her pages (47 of mine). When she quit last night, despite her depression, she pulled on you might enjoy, "You talk about Ervin's moralizing?" If inspired by what she had just typed, it can't be more than an occasional word I missed on reading and might be from something I'd said re GL's coming subCheckers performance. ...There will be less from the Post regulars, all of whom are on vacation, the kind of thing GL could also ~~anticipate~~ anticipate. It is probably true elsewhere. I haven't even looked at Monday's fat batch of NYTimes from HR. It is the only thing they can all do....Are you not fascinated that GL flew back to hated WH long enough to sign a bill and pretend he was always for it when he had delayed it four years then, into a thunderstorm, flew back to his Berchtesgaden to complete final review? I am. ...Also learned that the Post's files are separately locked. Until Sussman returns I can't get what I'd been promised, the xerox of the Cushman bug transcript, the thing that led to the conversation today. I'll all for that kind of security....Nashville Tennessee reported phone me yesterday for a Ray story based on a reader's inquiry, what happened to the suit I'd filed of which he'd read three years ago? A perfect peg for a timely story for which this black reporter took more than an half hour. He phoned back to say that Siegenthaler (A Search for Justice) personally killed. What odds! Thanks, HW 8/15/73