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Dear Jim,

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Your 11/29 on GL's "illness" is exactly in point and suggests one of the real and unreported possibilities. Much is not reported. For example, have you seen any hint of the deal to rush Ford's confirmation and to agree to it, the kind of thing you must have seen reflected in the Post non-reporting and editorial comments? Nope, not "news."

If you intend this as a possible "solution" formula, it makes sense, satisfies all who can be satisfied except the people, and makes one wonder again about GL's repetition of "as long as I am" able physically.

It is interesting to know that this, too, is old Chinese custom/use/practise.

I established a separate file on his pneumonia, titling it "Illness", when he went to the hospital. Not because I saw this clearly, as you did, but on possibilities. When I worked for the Senate its official barber (also mine) was a talkative friend who had been in Woodrow Wilson's WH, I think valet. He told me many stories about what can happen when the President is incapacitated, who can do things undetected and how, etc. From his account, Wilson was entirely out of it toward the end. And I have thought for years that Nixon is not sane. Obviously, those with whom he surrounded himself are not "normal," either.

LATimes Service on Rose Mary, the President's Lady, does have what was unreported so far as I know and seems important, no Mike connected to Uher. I presumed this and hence still don't see how the hum or any tone could be picked up. Ian, who still sees UPI wire, told me Tuesday it reported three different "tones", which is to say, I guess, pitches. There has been nothing I've seen to indicate a second break, if the break itself could be responsible for alteration in the frequency of whatever the sound was.

There is a conflict, and if there were no other reason for her having a different lawyer, this real and existing conflict is enough.

"Vesco and Watergate," NYTimes 11/22, Denny Walsh, probably explains the Newsweek crypto for one of their areas of inquiry or investigation, "Switzerland," as in hidden funds. Today's AP story on his wealth does not change.

Inherent in Leblanc's charge of extortion is intent to blackmail officialdom if not GL. Vesco must have 10 books on all Nixon's. His kind operates that way normally and he is in a position to have and to know and to charge more.

His legal argument against extradition is not frivolous. The extradition treaty does exclude any political crimes. I studied this in Ray case. So holding the treaty binding may in the end help rather than hurt Vesco.

There is a "Veterans of OSS" outfit, HQ NYC. I heard today and will enclose copy. I just may join if I can find the \$15. The enclosure sent me to not state fees. Deak is vice president. The spelling of my name indicates his source was not printed. Use of a xerox of a remote generation xerox does not indicate recent recruiting and the old address visible, 15th floor at 2 Wall Street, indicates it was prepared prior to zip codes. I wonder what "render such aid as may be possible" is interpreted to mean?

Today's return of my letter to Jesse Core makes me wonder if he has met his ultimate. Stamped 11/29, "moved, Left No Address" would not be case unless he wants none sent to his fine old home uptown on the same street, St. Charles. Penn could claim this one! Especially if something happens to Ed Planer. They both know, independently confirmed, that WDSU's Oswald footage was cut after the assassination and after both previewed together. I spoke to both separately and got identical accounts.

Today's mail held six more orders and none of these were forwarded by Lil's ma. So, all these people took the trouble to look me up in Books in Print or elsewhere. Interesting. I can only hope that it holds up.

The phone has not rung with the voices I have been wanting to hear. In the past there has always been something indicative of badmouthing. If it happens with those I've been in touch with, the possibilities of my learning it are not good.

Best,

