

Romero, Jose Luis; Found my file. It has the 10/3/72 SFChron AP story you sent. So, don't go to the trouble of copying it or anything else you may have. I'm getting more and when I do, I'll let you know what it is. My first clipping on it, by the way, was from Jimmy Ray, a Nashville paper of the same day, also AP's story, but cut some. HW 2/1/73

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Your 1/28, Pore Hennery"; attached to-the-bitter-end clip: You are right. The factor I should have considered and didn't is the problem of quitting the mob. However, if Hennery is not around to kick around, he can still be kicked around. And if he is at all unhappy, there might be less liability if turning him loose. If he needs to be found, there will never be a time when he can't be. If there were any real desire for the past to come unglued, then he'd be essential. His going to Hanoi is a plus for him, can help him redeem himself among peers in academe and his own concept. He is now the humanitarian. That also I did not think of. I had more in mind that I spelled out. I think with what he has been through and what he has earned for himself, the developments I anticipate in the new regime and its character, rather nicely confirmed as much as possible at the outset by GL himself in yesterday's press "conference", it will become a bit much for Hennery. Besides, does he really quit the mob if he moves to, say, the Rockefeller Foundation? I was of too limited vision in thinking of drang nach Harvard only. He has grown too much to be a mere prof. and hold his self-respect. After limited consideration, I think Henry will move on, which is a deliberate hedge and not the same as the simplistic "quit", as soon as he can, having done all the positive things he thinks he can, like foundation reconstruction. HW 2/1/73

There are many disturbing elements in the Whitten arrest and in some ways, more of them in the press restricting itself to the postures of the past, no longer relevant. In my view, if there is no vigorous fight on each of these things the whittling will succeed, as it may whatever is or isn't done. In the back of my mind all morning has been writing Anderson, but he is hung up on the past, too, and his own part in it, and his essentially Pollyanna view of the government he exposes. All broken legs that will heal spontaneously or if properly splinted. One of the obvious things here is an FPI request for the pictures of the addressed packages. Government would invoke the investigatory-files exemption and it would be exposed as fraud. In this case Whitten is entitled to them under Jencks anyway. But the papers seem to be satisfied to have been denied. Another by Whitten could be to demand the reports of the undercover man. Most recent precedent: LATimes/Baldwin tapes. By the way, that was a long week before his men would be here of which Lawrence wrote. Silence since. HW 2/1/73

JDW annotated the 12/21/72 Braden column on Connally "Old but still interesting". Almost the moment he typed it the old rumors started again. I think Braden over-simplifies. There is more than appreciation of personal loyalty (lost on the Nixons), more than personal attractiveness or envy, in this bond. JBC is the closest thing to a Nixon who is or can be called a Democrat. Aside from the value of this kind of JBC in a re-election campaign, he can be indispensable in the establishment of an Authoritarianism, as El Lider of the non-opposing "opposition". The process has started. There is as yet no need for a JBC to Emerge. In the wings is close enough. Meanwhile, he can be making \$\$\$, an important thing to those like him even when they are past the point of having real use for more than they have already accumulated. HW 2/1/73

N.O.Sniper, SU clips: Thanks. As long as S-I comes and sending become burdensome, appreciate because if I do not personally plan any writing on these, I would like to be able to do something and I've made new efforts this week. An editor friend knows a successful black writer who might be interested in Desire, whether or not I can find the guy I let have that file and if I do can get it back. He agrees with me that another and local thing of the past has excellent commercial prospects and no liabilities in honest handling. Every aspect socially good is handled as it really was. On a non-fiction novel I researched and planned in 1963, tentatively titled as would not be good ten years later, Scottsboro 1963. If any one of these succeeds there is potential for any other. If the candidate sees it as my friend does, he'll be here soon, if his personal life permits...I'm wondering if the guy I trusted was and is a fink. Superficially, he fits the form. HW 2/1/73