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Dear Js,

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Your multiple letters, the latest dated 1/7, and including those three magnificent Hoppe columns, gave us all pleasure yesterday. I'd have liked to relax and answer right away, for it would have been a pleasant respite, but couldn't. In a few minutes I'll get Howard, who goes home today, and Lil, up. There is about enough time to give you another of the cases of simple incompetence that has permeated the critical community and I think in large measure accounts for the resentment against me.

Noted your gradual separation from the Bug. A bit better here. We have the superficial symptoms of a cold without the discomfort that usually accompanies. Despite Bill's belief that the shots caused it, I feel then depressed what could have been with us. Not really very bad with either.

The state filed a 19-page answer in the Ray case. As is usual, in filing they certify delivery to the defense. The crumbs certified delivery not made. The postmark established that. Duplicates the kinds of tricks played on me in the clothing/pix suit. I told Jim to file a request for an extension and not to rush away Ray's rights or into mistakes, but he said Bud was determined to file on time and then ask leave to withdraw and refile. But they don't even have the exhibits they are required to answer, and at least one doesn't exist! No exhibits accompanied the answer. And they lied in saying a number of things, the one easiest to prove, and an irrelevancy at that, that Hanes advised Ray to cop a plea.

I asked Jim to phone Hanes. (He did and is getting an affidavit.)

If he did not want to ask for a delay. I told him that if Haley knew he would ask for one and show late delivery, which permitted no time, and then incomplete delivery, which inhibited answering, Haley would do it. Bud was opposed. OK, don't tell him, just call. Jim did. Haley is asking for time for them not the 10 days Jim wants but to 2/1. Haley said the judge is away until then anyway.

I suggested to Jim that he go for three: call Haley again and tell him that Canale is screwing him and pass the buck to me, to say that I conducted the investigation, will tell him and tell him how to prove that he is being screwed. Those crazies in Canale's office have come to believe their own propaganda as retailed by Frank. There were some exploratory stipulations prepared by Canale's office, but they were abandoned and there remains only the voir dire in the record.

It was clear from the language of the answer that Haley had none before him, for his answer included no quotations, merely general allegations. Jim had asked him about a copy of the stipulation and Haley said he'd never gotten a copy from Canale. Jim pulled a good one: offered to join in a discovery motion.

The two things that worked are simple and I think the most obvious moves. Bud would not, not having thought of them himself. Jim just went ahead and made the calls, and both worked. The situation was such that only maniacs would have refused either.

Last night ABC pre-empted two hours prime time for a special, Chung Kuo, by Michaelangelo Antonini. Caught a bit of the end. It was like a travelogue. Some of the film was interesting, especially of the kids.

I find myself wondering how Hunt could put up the insurance he doesn't have for bail and why the judge hiked it to \$100,000 after the risk is reduced. Haven't read yesterday's paper yet and today's hasn't come.

1/14. There has been a strange silence re WG over the weekend. As indicated in a short note, no mention in Post. Did little radio listening, but there also no mention except also as earlier indicated from the NYTimes.

Your W, the Zorza column of 12/27 I sent: I can't believe the Chinese, USSR, can think that dealing with <sup>H</sup> is other than dealing with Nixon, with the disadvantage that Nixon doesn't have to stand on his own feet, can back out. But we'll see when the newest developments unravel is <sup>H</sup> has assumed a less warlike posture. Henry's lack of a single <sup>g</sup>hem is the first I recall. My own view is that neither country is being fooled, that each pursues its interests as it now sees them, but neither is unaware that it is dealing with a man who is as wild as anything since Hitler and perhaps also pretty sick. (I still feel that Tricky got Dirty too soon, that his timing was off, for which, if I'm right, I'm also glad.)



There is, I think, a difference in the attitudes of the two countries. USSR may well prefer that Nixon keep us bogged down as far away from them as possible. It surely realizes that were he to liquidate VN entirely, he'd still be mortgaged in that area. This the Chinese should not like at all (even if he told them how he brain-trusted the Redskins, as he seems to have during the Great Dispensation to the Shenyang ~~XXXX~~ troupe). They should want us out of the area entirely. Which makes the report about Chinese help more interesting. My feeling is that Nixon has lost all but military support. ~~But~~ If it may be all he really needs, I do not think it is all he wants. I'd not be a bit surprised if Henry came back from Paris not far from where he was in October. I haven't been following closely, but I can't imagine the other side having suffered as much for as long to surrender at the table finally abandoned what could not be wrenched from it by force.

Oatis: there was a more stupid case of the same period, an ITT or APT, probably ITT, vice president also caught, think in Hungary. big denials, and as soon as he was repatriated, he started teach espionage in some college!

Your fef to my Kinset memo, ah my typing! I've sent it. Kinsey, common local name. Guess typing worse because ribbons all have started to ride up. Even new ones. Have to take machine in, I guess. Anyway, memo already sent.

Your Lemnitzer response: Do you consider that most Army men of comparable rank are in their right minds? I doubt Lemnitzer as chairman JCS spoke for himself only. Real wierdos, if exalted. They have a self-perpetuating machine for the creation of error or for the duplication of the same error in their education and indoctrination. And needs, as they see them. Not much for them in peace.

I think your comment on the "Wishure Blvd end of the Madison Avenue Axis reflects more, that the New York end, which gets much of its take from the eastern interests that are still largely financial, is less extreme because the New York end wants the war over and for some time has.

But I remain with the feeling that those supersalesman, as you designate them, really think they have all the answers and they and their GL are going to try in a way more suited to this land. Not with guns. The giveaway is in the Supreme Court. With the power they can wield without shooting. Thus the changes they have made and are making. And filtering them from the White House, where they got their man paci, into the executive agencies they will actually control.

Huie's truism was when you were abroad: when fascism comes to the United States it will be wrapped in the American flag. Essentially my point. (First time I went past his office, in early 1936, there was a note on the door, "Senator Long will be out of town for several days today".)

Your story about the dog and cat house, in illumination of the feng shui (and which we all enjoyed much) reminds me in glancing at it again that during some newscast or after one that net announced it is having a special this week on the Forbidden City, its own by-special-permission and for-the-first-time film. As I said, China in, nothing out.

But if the longer side of a house is its face, the feng shui here can't be too bad. A little to the north of east. Would it be good if the short side points almost straight on to Washington? Add to that that we are surrounded by trees and at the outlet to the pond, not far away. are the two largest flintstone (quartz) rocks I've ever seen, and maybe I can yet take heart? Too bad I didn't know about all of this when I took down all those multifloras, floribundas and man! what honeysuckle! (Besides, I'm uphill from all seats

of government, and I would guess the climb is a deterrent to evil spirits, except by mail.) On the other hand, not counting the pines and the twists in the road, I'm closer to the courthouse than you are to Tribune Tower. But the pines completely block the view, so I can see how good it is to have faith in feng shui. ...come to think of it, we had a psychologist and his two (12 and 10) daughters here yesterday to iceskate. He is a flatlander. He feel in love with the place and the area. I think I'll count him my personal feng shui reader. He's scientific as hell, in matters of the mind. He could even skate. And more, I know he's honest because he said Lil's quiche is the best he's ever tasted, even better than that of a Shrink he named and I don't know! ...For all the spitting, there is a grace and delicacy to such ingrained belief that if preferable to those from which we spring, human sacrifice and all that of the past and the horrible bombing of the present. Or the lies that are a way of life, leading to the acceptance of monstrous political crimes. Or even the Pope of Rome. Give me the feng shui - only benevolent ones. Best,