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I've not read and will not now have time to read today's reporting on the "peace" developments. I'm sending you and Howard the Post's reporting and I've filed that of the Times for myself. It should be more than enough for any future need I may have. I do not take it at face value, do believe we'll at least posture offensively, like the braggarts and bullies the politicians and military are, and can conceive of countless violations of the cease-fire. If there is anything significant I should know and you make any notes, I'd appreciate a copy. I assume the final deal is not far from the earlier one, as I think I've suggested in a note on Henry. I've had to divide the day between editing and recommending things for the really superb job Lesar has done on what is called a Traverse, the response to an Answer; and trying in the last minute to see if something can be done about the newest police treachery involving Lil's sister's adopted son, who has deep emotional problems. The lawyer seems to fear exposing the lies of the police, I think fearing that if he really does it the collaborating judge will throw the book at the kid as an alleged parole violation, if he is found ~~guilt~~ not guilty and the police exposed. When I was in court with him for arraignment, contrived to be as prejudicial as possible, a deputy who'd been in an audience when I addressed his college, came up to me and asked that we get together later. He told me an incredible story of corruption, protection of corruption and what the police do. I brought him together with a Post reporter, but they have done nothing. I can't understand this, except that it comes from me, because this is the kind of oversized dogcatcher story the Pulitzer people go for in local reporting. And poor Lil, with a third of her working day left, had already taken in twice a normal day's returns, all of which she will now have to compute on her own time and she'll have little this weekend, less because that bastard Fensterwald did not take a call in Lesar's absence so we could work out a schedule that might save half of Saturday for her. Or, not a good day for reading what I should have and would have liked to. I've not yet had time to collect and copy what Treuhart needs to do anything...We'll not now be able to learn what is in the WG stipulations cleverly entered yesterday, with "Peace" and the departing LBJ to limit the available space. Noe to get "il. Best 1/25/73 HW

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Sending all today's Post's VN coverage in 3cl U. Not as extensive as Times'. Unread...Spoke to Ian today, We are going there for supper Sat night. Will then continue this subject further, but he is inclined to agree with my elitist's pre-rumor, the instant analysis that Henry is going. Has the Harvard deadline expired? HW. Haven't read the WG stories, but both Times and Post have little and I'd sure love to see the stipulations. They seem to have been offered at just the time they could get least attention. I'd have guessed that if not offered at the outset, they'd be given at the end, not just when the papers have to be overloaded if not overup. HW 1/25/73