

Dear Js, It is good that in my tiredness last night I decided to go to bed with Executive Action. Action? Two pages put me so soundly asleep before 11 that Lil took my glasses off without awakening me. I had just come to another demonstration of Lane's unequalled command of the subject, touted on the back cover. He had Oswald recruited by the FBI in June of 1962, in New Orleans, and simultaneously in Fort Worth. On facing pages yet. So, at 4:30 I was wide awake and by 11:30 had almost finished the 20th page of the foreword. I'll return to that soon. After a brisk walk in the 85° strong sun and a dip with Lil, followed by one of her nice salads, I read a little of what she had clipped for me. This includes the American Airlines story. It then struck me that the date of this blackmail coincides with formation of the plumbers. In turn, I suddenly remembered that I had started and forgotten a Chronology file. Immediately I refiled Je's helpful ITT notation of the ITT dates there. Do not make any for me, but please do not forget to carbon me on any you make. As I now see it, the most essential chronology will orient around domestic intelligence, in all its formulations and forms....When I complete the draft of the foreword I plan to go right to the introduction. I am hopeful that what is essential for a European audience is not pointless to an American one. I've done part of this intro and part of the first chapter. I feel that if I delay reading and correcting I'll be more sensitive, less subject to confabulation. ...If you can find time, which I doubt, to read this foreword draft before I do, I'd welcome criticism and suggestions. However, I can't keep up with the papers, alone - I'm not reading everything anymore but am filing - so I know you may be too busy. Don't feel that you should. ...It is a temporary break that all my mowers are inoperative! Reckoning will come later, coinciding with sun-to-sun hearings! (There isn't a single local boy with a mower home today. I was going to try to hire one.)...Nixon's former tax assessor, now Nixon's Congressman, Hinshaw - doesn't he have a record of black reaction?...Surprising how much and of what flooded into mind as I was writing the foreword. Guess more will. The past IS prologue. And I am realizing all over again where and how I got what education I have...Believe I told you that Hoch was here, more than 2 weeks ago. He was staying with his parents, who live not far away. He was to have returned and hasn't. He is within 10 minutes of here when he drives to DC. Guess he was less content, after thinking things over, than I had thought. Best HW 7.7.73