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Dear Jim,

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Your letter of 5/28 and the enclosures, including notes from both of you, are quite helpful. I appreciate the time you took to refer me. I'm getting much too forgetful. One of the things is in a period I've not read, my NY trip. Krogh on hand-logging. I think I was also wondering about the date of Colson's grandma-trampling quote. And I think I had these in mind as samples of authoritarian thinking. Recent as it was, I'm not now sure! I don't think this is somatic. I think it is some kind of reaction to our conditions. Whatever the cause, it is real, uncomfortable (when you consider that I once had almost photographic recall) and a real problem in working.

There are some needs to which I must attend at special times. They break everything up very badly and interfere with writing. I spent the morning on some and will have to go for Lil in about two hours. But I began writing at 5 a.m. The prologue, tentatively titled The Past Is Prologue. The kinds of things to which I had to devote time are not conducive to writing, so I'm again cleaning up odds and ends. I haven't read (but I did clip) the Post.

Howard and NYTimes: he has been able to send little, but my feeling is like yours about any Posts you may have missed (I think none), t'hell eith it. Today I heard from him for the first time in about a week. He enclosed much from 5/25 only. He has been home, in the suburbs, where a paper was delivered. He is now back at school for a summer's work. He has a new address, 3954 Pine St., 19104. As soon as he has gotten the feel of what he has to do he'll let me know when he is coming here. So, don't worry about what I've missed in the Times, thanks.

What bothers is hearing/seeing reporting not in the papers, like Agnew and Butz, both useful quotes, in a note typed earlier this a.m.

Barker tape: don't hold, thanks. But if you have Alch's second day, please do hold for a while. I was away then. I don't think I'll need, but I haven't been able to decide because too much is too unclear. I am convinced he had a client.

Timer: I plant to experiment tomorrow, when there is an opera broadcast to which I'll want to listen. I plan to use Wednesday a.m., when I'll have to be away for about the first hour of the hearings. I stopped off at the shop for my good hifi again this a.m. but found the boss away and it not there. I've been without the use of it for almost two years. There was a loose connection on one tube socket. In fixing that they messed it up something terrible and haven't restore to statue quo ante yet. I, I'll use the Craig with patchcords if, as I think, I have one that will work, or by the mike, which will do if I haven't, feeding Wollensak. The works are essentially the same as those of the expensive timers I had built in on the farm, as many as 8 to a building. They also varied by up to 15 minutes.

Je's AKA additions: I had not noted them. I don't have one source and haven't yet read the other. Thanks. In listening to McCord, believe it or not, I missed the Pohn<sup>r</sup>. Hayes! If this does not mean Edward, Martin Arnold, please tell me: "...and Edward (NYTimes 9 May 73, Martin Arnold)." It really is this way. In the helpful 5/18 list, this is close to McCord's Martin, Edward, and Edward J.

Reminds me I think I forgot to tell you the names about which ~~Ramirez~~ Ramirez asked me the other day. Perdomo (last); Perellero, Juan Jose; Hevia, Arturo; Menaces, Mario; Ferrer, Angel; Gonzalez, Iran. Ferrer, in Miami, kept hoping for an assassination of JFK. Spirit or revenge, betrayal. Ramirez 26 yrs., Cuban born, ~~prisoner~~ until recently Miami Herald. Was on its 8-man WG team.

Paranoia Lane note of 5/27: suggest reading on GL's interpretation in how much non-scheduled flying he does in helicopters. Agree with you on statistical odds, to which I'd add that helicopters are notoriously less safe. What also baffles me is why they made a pass first and didn't land, flying back out to sea (without which all would have died). Cubans not getting executive clemency: I presume you mean their friends. I'd regard this as more likely than them. They are true believers. What the papers didn't say and I believe is correct is that the Sikorsky GL uses is amphibian model. There has been remarkably little about anything dealing with this crash. No explanation and no indication of what

there must have been, press inquiry.

San Clemente clips: I have several AP stories not the same as these, so they are particularly helpful. I'll be treating that. I'm delaying the arithmetic until then, in part to have it more clearly in mind, in part because there may be more. I intend addressing the fiction about these cats not lapping milk, perhaps Nixon alone, perhaps including those close, too. My interest in his financial crookedness and certainty of it dates from before Checkers, which was only proof. The purchase of the Cummings property (one of the more expensive in this, the city's most expensive developments) merely fortified. More than the inadequacies and contradictions of the stories persuade me they are uptight. I suspect there was special concern from the time Dean got my inquiry, which I intended as openers only. It seems as though GL has no or next to no cash in the deal and had made a real big profit.

The Dick Barnes (SFExam 5/27) piece is especially helpful. One of the less persuasive answers is why they bought the whole tract plus 2/9 acres, to assure compatible neighbor. Does the farm boy remember that a square acre is 210 feet each way or, if this 5.9 acres they say is all they wanted is even close to square, each border is almost 1/4 mile? How much more does one need for privacy?

The accounts I have reflect no interest payment. Or, maybe \$70,000 profit on that alone. GL's financial statements reflect no need to borrow anything. So, why should he pay in interest, needlessly, what would be as good as any sure investment he could make, 8%? (Even I pay only 7 1/2.)

In Lesar's training he never searched property records. I've told him how and he'll try to find time for that Cummings deal. I remember the papers said he paid only \$50,000. Right after lamenting the cloth coats (Republican, that is).

Checkers: Matter of fact, I would like a tape to have and hear. Getting to the library is a real deal for me, beginning with 100 miles of travel and parking fees. Long ago I asked Lesar to ask his good friend and an acquaintance of mine who is working at the Library of Congress to get me xeroxes. Jim forgot, he said day before yesterday. I also want to check the names of the contributors. Wouldn't it be something if C. Arnholt was one? Now that he is indicted, that is. They were all of that character.

If KPFA can't supply, why not try Bill Stein, whose address and phone I gave you a while back? He set up some kind of Pacifica library and said he'd provide me with such research materials. Would you consider recommending rebroadcast of those memorable words? Or that they could be so timely today?

No word from Dick, which I take it means no encouragement. I'm surprised to find words like fascism being used publicly by Establishmentarians now. If no letter in tomorrow's mail I'll be writing again to feel out on The Informers, the research and some of the writing for which Jim now has.

Later: much helicopter traffic toward and away from (toward Washington) Camp David. May mean nothing or may mean that GL, on returning from fruitless trip to Iceland, may have some deal cooking for weekend. El B no explanation of all the traffic.

My edition Post (probably same one you get) no story on Cox asking Ervin to lay off. Note that first two prosecutors Cox has named both part of getting the Teamsters. Statistical probabilities of hapenstance?

Best

