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Dear Jim,

Between a discouraging letter from Dick (you don't know him) and busting something on one of my old mowers just before dark, I'm not in a mood for the work I d planned until bedtime so I thank you for the clips with your letter of the 9th and for marking the especially interesting parts.

Last couple of days have been kind of rough anyway. I find that there is something in the conditions causing a pollution alert or warning to which I react. Last year I learned of all but one from my reaction to it. Later I heard reports of the alerts/warning. This seasons begins the same way. I just get weary and can't keep my eyes open, sometimes edgy with it, I guess in reaction to the feeling. Almost fell asleep Monday driving back from Rockville and did last night looking at the TV news.

Lesar was here briefly Monday. I am saving him more than \$100 on a car repair here over the DC price. He'll be back for it Thurs. or Fri., when we'll be together again briefly. He now has much work to do besides The Informers, the Ray appeal to the 6th circuit and the work Bud should be doing for the en banc arguments before the DC ~~MAX~~ US court of appeals, which has lumped the zany CTIA suit with my spectro. Even Bud is less than happy about that, but nothing keeps the nuts from nuttiness. Jim is in full agreement with me on the approach we should now take, charging and proving perjury and subornation in this and other cases, all of mine and still others recently reversed or thrown out because it it. I also feel that this should be in the record before it gets to the Supreme Court, where it will inevitably go, the reason I gave Bud a free hand in it. Jim thinks the altered situation is changing Bud's attitude and that he has recently done much work on the McCord appeals. Jim also says Bud's partner and another lawyer are keeping him hogtied so he can't do wild things. Our hearing is 7/11. The Ray papers must be done in 40 days from notice. His having listened to me in the court below, where he has a voluminous and complete enough habeas corpus, makes the present chore easier. He doesn't have all of that to repeat, or any part to now add.

No rush on Alch transcript. Howard has sent me stuff past that date, but let us wait and see. Either his former wife or another wrote Bud to say she divorced Alch on grounds that included his being a constitutional liar. Jim had not read the McCord appeal. He says it is long (good) and he skimmed it. He thinks Bud has included the argument I persuaded him to make, again belatedly, in the Ray case. You can't say a Foreman or an Alch is a putka lawyer, but you can argue he was "ineffective", and that can be grounds for a court to take notice and give some relief. With Alch, that would be particularly good at this time because he was terrible in the McC defense and bad before the Ervin committee.

Nixon quote on Franco-American relations I heard on radio, meaning probably unused wire copy. It was to the effect that he had done more to improve them than all his recent Democratic predecessors. Time didn't use, maybe because it had several gems without it.

With what you sent, including the names, I don't think I need any more on the 1962 Calif. election, thanks. I seem to have misfiled the first. Some of this is not plain carelessness. Fancym rather. I'm always jammed for file space, so when there is hardly room for fingers, I too often get something in an adjacent file.

Agreed on Buchwald's Was Josephine the Plumber. For you non-TVers, the play is on a cleanser commercial in which Jane Withers, no longer a child star, plays one plumberette J. From before that date I started keeping all cartoons and spoofs. I'd been sending all the great stuff you'd sent to Howard, who appreciates. Now I'm keeping all. If the attitude is correctly represented, I think in this case it is being augmented by the Dept Dirty Tricks.

I think Hal had in mind a long CD I found early, on Hall, Howard, etc. Used in WWII. The ref. I remember is to Kiki Ferrer. Maybe Angel is in it. I have a cooy pasted up in the unpublished appendix to Oswald in New Orleans.

Agreed that it is a blessing the committee has been siting only three days. I'm also trying to find time to write. Eith today's air inversion and 90+ temp I fell asleep on Stans!

Colby: If you sent me the one of their own finally made it clip, I have it in the chron. files, the way I kept them until the beginning of may. I think when you do you'll find a short but very good recap on his career your wrote. That is what I had in mind. I suppose I'll have to go through all that stuff at some point. I'll then be able to segregate. Filing by subject also creates problems when atories deal with several. Retrieval remains a problem! (I sent you the carbon because the ribbon is so pale on thin paper.)

KPFA 6/7 on poor Elmer Davis has what printed accounts lack. Aside from the gut-ripper STM didn't miss, I live these always-accepted non-sequiturs. What has any of this to do with the deliberate framing of a man with the world's best alibi? If STM could imagine anything more helpful to GL than what they did in this alleged ignorance, I'm holding my breathe!

Something BIG must be going on at Berchtesgaden Im Catoctins from the shuttling Helicopters. I hear one returning to DC now, 10 p.m. For the hour ~~about~~ beginning about 9:30 I heard four going either way. With old air conditioners on, no knowledge of any in late morning to after supper. Wonder who is helping with the economic message? Or if there is new WG to sweat out. GL is like an interloper. He just can't stand the WH.

Felker and New York Magazine have been spreading out. I think they'll stumble on a WG weekly. They have been advertising something I've ignored in the commercials on radio or TV, a sex suggestion. Greater exposure to well-publicized fact does not now hurt baddies. In fact, it helps, because it precludes solid work with a context.

Right now the Post is covering the prosecution as best it can. When the judge yesterday directed them to read the letter to Dean in court (radio news), today's Post says they released it. Story also omits quotes from judge. You may remember that long ago I fingered the prosecution as a certain source of Post leaks. The Post excessive kindness to them, its failure to criticize them, is also a dead give-away.

CBS TV evening news reports Hunt and Buckley (for children) joining in \$4,000,000 suit vs. United and Boeing.

Clip on many breakins, esp. Chilean, comes at perfect time. I'd just read the texts of those of Chshman's statements Symington had released and found new doubts in them. One thing that to date all the papers have ignored is that when Hunt and Liddy left L.A. they did not take one of the man direct flights to Washington. They flew to NYC. 2+2.

If the NYTimes can tabulate so many of these things, can you imagine what the FBI and CIA had already done? Can you imagine them not paying attention to all these stypical burglaries in embassies, other foreign offices? They knew, they were watching, and they had to have drawn obvious conclusions. Or, WG had to have been much less of a surprise than everyone pretended.

Hope this makes Hunt's coming testimony more interesting.

Got the impression from Stans that he does not consider himself thrown out of the troika yet. The areas of direct conflict with Magruder that I spotted are not where there could be a perjury indictment against him. He was quite self-assured. But his hands were not when he was fumbling for the name of the Philippino who anted \$30,000. One of the advantages of TV. These things show.

Best, HW 6/12/73

