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If it is of no consequence and was fairly easily predicted based on the record, I note the continuing silence of the waif. It may have explanations other than the obvious, but that I am inclined to favor over all the alternatives that occurred to me while I was driving to and from Washington today, when I had time to think about several things. Bud was recently in N.O. He saw Garrison and even he now says Jim is mentally ill. He also says ^{Jim} ~~he~~ is about like he was at his earlier best, the difference being that Bud now knows he is ill but wouldn't consider it then. The Post had much today. It will be in the next envelope. Bud has missed what I think is an opportunity in the spectro situation. It is now too late to pick it up but we are in accord on the immediate future in it and on Ray, where what I have ~~want~~ wanted to be done now will be. In spectro, by the book the government has no leg to stand on, which confirms my belief they are really up tight but does not mean they will not stand. The State DA is up tight on the Ray situation, they think because he feels he is being look on like a hick. I think the writ tells him. HW 3/20/73

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