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Dear Harold:

Odds and ends, answering various things in your letters from Oct. 29 through Nov 5:

No, your mail never has arrived with postage due. You'll have to find something else to worry about. We appreciate your care in this as in many other matters.

Thanks, we'll pass the adverse decision in the spectro suit for the time being. If we should need a copy later we'll ask, but now there's no time and no prospect of absorbing it. We gather from your various memos and notes to other people that it was adverse due to one Danaher (presumably one of the CA justices) but that subsequently you and Lesar have discovered something not to his benefit and plan to use it. Don't bother to explain it now, We'll absorb it eventually through osmosis.

Hearings volumes: To date we have received Vols. I, II and IV from you. III has failed to show up, both from you and from the US bookstore in SF where I ordered it. The guy there says he shipped it the day he got my check, so the PO seems to have misplaced. Eventually it will show up. Meanwhile, I stand ready to ship Vols I and II to Howard, but will wait a few days in case I find myself with two copies of III, should the PO get itself together. I'll probably order V, so don't bother to send us your extra copy. Suggest you send it directly to Howard.

Agree with you that the shot of Nixon going up the front steps of the EOB alone had to be staged. We thought so too, at the time.

We also failed as you did to hear the usual "Thank you, Mr. President," at the end of his Oct. 26 news conference. If Frank Cormier said it, it was drowned out, but there was such confusion and so many people yelling for recognition that Nixon well may have got away from the rostrum before Frank realized it was all over, and therefore didn't bother to say it.

We saw the Ziggy Ron start for Mollenhoff, but failed to see the other guy.

Don't return the Alch cassettes. We made them for you. Use them for something else when you need cassettes.

We saw both Haig and Cox, so don't need the tapes, thanks. Missed Buchanan and Gurney, but will pass, again thanks.

Thanks for all the poop on Jaworski. We remembered him immediately as some sort of fink during LBJ's presidency and that he had some sort of hush-up connection with Oswald, but could not particularize it. The Chronicle is using W&P stuff on him which suggests your prodding had some result, anyway. Of course he's already sworn in (yesterday) but let's hope someone develops this further.

We saw our GL tonight emoting over the energy crisis. He did a good job, we thought, stumbling only once or twice and looking less haggard and uptight than on Oct. 26. However, I wonder how many people will figure that if he can't get many headlines with a crisis abroad he's now trying a domestic crisis. We thought his "no intention of resigning" was remarkably evasive. Spiro came right out and said he wouldn't. Also, we found interesting his statement that as long as he has the physical capacity he intends to go on doing the job he was elected to do. Were these hints of evading resignation or impeachment deliberately planted to lull those who are suspicious? I still think he never will endure impeachment and trial, but would resign first. Just easier to go to the hospital? Our pore sick leader? Worked frazzle? The obedient Ford carrying out orders?