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Dear Jim,

11/12/73

With this, if I have not already done it, I'm beginning a WG/Coup file. Not because I see signs of imminence but because I believe the situation may well develop where those with the heft may find it the only way they regard as "out."

Your 11/7 with interesting-looking clips came this a.m. I have had to deal with other things, partly reflected in enclosures. Lesar will be filing an FOI suit for me in the a.m. on the stuff Ford copyrighted that was withheld from me. Doing it now is his idea and I agreed. A new crookedness by them tolled the running of the time allowed, as I knew. I've given him a hasty draft of more than I think should be in the complaint and I'm not even looking at what he files. Whatever he does will be o.k. What it means, if there is any attention, is that GL's fairhaired (balding variant) will, if there is any attention, have to face a court record before vote and charging him without so specifying with false swearing on a question of personal integrity. Dpe poeple still care about this? WxPost's national desk does not, to consternation metro desk.

Hearings: Howard now has all but VI because they ground them out. I'll be looking for others who want if holding them is no problem for you. Or, do you know any who want? There was a time I d have suggested Verb.

As you can see, there is more on Jaworski. I've just given it a fairly thorough taping for Texas airing, unexpectedly. For 11/22. San Antonio. No callback from Star.

You are perceptive on health. GL's once loyalist, ~~Allop~~ Joe Alslop, touches on the same subtlety in today's.

Your 11/8 on the possibilities of a coup does not address a coinciding factor, what is happening to the country and it does not take into consideration what can and I am certain will vomit out, more and more and more on GL's inglorious acts. He can't possibly let any of the real tapes out so he'll overwork the memory hole. There is a limit to what can be held down.

Second helicopter hold hour. GL has fled again? El Bosom to provide El Bosom?

Take energy alone. Where is there the waste that can help relieve the inevitable serious hardship on heat and industry and the one way to anger all Americans, wasted travel? Only in the military. Suppose the crisis directs attention to it? There is this here denteney, ~~we~~ know. So wjy do they have to burn up all those gas and heat in the air, one the sea and in maneuvers?

The value of money is going down fast, so they have less, regardless of numbers.

Right now GL is a big liability to 100% minus a very few only and these center around and include him. Who wants or needs him? Poor sould, once Ford is confirmed he'd better travel less and live with the White House ghosts!

In short, I believe the factors are different than we have ever considered before so those that were relevant in the past or controlled ^{ing} are not the "operative" ones right now.

There will be competition for the erg. From the powerful who hunger and the cold.

There will inevitable be more GL dirt and it is now where those who have any part in ~~not~~ helping him hide it have their own futures to ponder. His own will be having to desert him or suffer. His gesture to the Hill GOPs is, I think, his recognition of this one new consideration.

Another way of putting this is that the situation is unique so the answers of the past may not give us insight. Because this is unique, there are special and very powerful interests that now and in the future do not and will not coincide with his. To now we have been considering that the powerful want him. If they do not and more, if they cannot survive him (figuratively, not literally), what then? If it comes to a real crunch, those things you tick off may have other applicability: would they permit continued support of him?

In his lingo, not a "new" game; a different one. Do we really know the rules for a game we have never played?

Meanwhile, more helicopters! Best,

