

Dear Jim,

9/14/73

May have time to answer your letter of 9/9 before going for Lil.

With it was a letter to the editor by Ony Maxwell. I have been in touch with her. She is brilliant and I think a very human and fine human. I also feel she is hungup on what I think is a common misapprehension about "mental illness" as she is by her excellent grasp of scientific things. She was forced out of the Lawrence Radiation Labos where she was a glass blower by noise. She figures and perhaps 100% correctly, that it is infranoise. Recall her emphasis on the extremely low frequency she reported, 16 cycles? There is a point at which all the science becomes irrelevant and where the human has to react. If there is no reaction, there is mental illness. It is sick not to react. It is not sick to react. The shrinks she has seen and those to whom she has been subjected by the compensation people fear this whole area and the xantis have said things she reagrds as nasty. In fact they are, but if she could unfetter her mind, they could win the case for her, her opposition could. Her lawyer apparently is also on the unimaginative side, as are all the shrinks of whom I've heard and the few to whom I've spoken. (There is one guy at the Nat Institute of Health who used some of my animal work in a scientific conference ~~at~~ ~~M~~ more than a decade ago, but he would not talk to me now if I tried, as I did couple years ago.) Other disciplines have no reluctance, not being hungup on other than their own. Like vets, nutritionists, otologists. Anyway, I think Ony must be great. But I also feel she has troubles she could avpid if she were not so tunnel-visioned on frequency and understood that the only way the body can fight back is with the mind, which gets turned around in the effort. She is Mrs. ¹one Giffen Maxwell (dovorced). I think I've been able to help her a bit by being a friend and taking time to write. I first did after reading testimony she gave to an EPA panel. It coincided perfectly with some of Lil's reactions. There were others she did not testify to. I told her that when she tld me what they were they also would duplicate. They did. In cards and spades both. So she knew I understood and do not regard her as a kook. I know any noise must be torture for her.

In the envelope I'll mail in a few minutes I noted Congressional Quarterly's WG index. Lesar offered to lend it to me. I'm sure he would to you if not too late to save Je's time and you don't otherwise want.

I've gotten in less outside work than I'd like and needs doing. Finally got one of two formerly junked riding mowers working and got a junked small one that works. Just in time, because I busted other walker. So as of this minute, thanks to a bestiality last evening, mowing the last bit before supper when Lil wanted to nap, I've all that might be considered grass cut (the growing season can end here any time now and I've begun to get at the tall weeds. I haven't used the scythe in a year. The walking mower, with care, will tackle almost anything. I chew it all up and let it become humus. Especially the poison. Where we pull it out I make piles in which the animals love the first year. I also enjoy this work, whicg does not require thinking about it and provides time for other thinking. We have flask-flood warnings today, so I'm glad I finished up a uniform cut yesterday...If I could get one of the new lightweight chain saws and could get the 4 hp tractor-mower working (fried thinks he can fix) I'd do most of our heating with the trees that have to come down, all when Lil isn't how by taking t'writer in front fireplace.

Glad to be able to send the few things I have. Second of McCord's pieces now due. Guess Lesar will send. I've asked him to send you Miami ~~Herz~~ Herald Fiorini/Buchanan story because the copy I have is partly indistinct.

Thanks for the coming Ramparts. I still-noe more- wonder about Prouty as the military's anti-CIS cutting edge.

I had noticed all you say about the tapes except that I had missed what Je didn't, on the Butterfield timing and I have not been able to reach any conclusion. The one thing I did immediately and intended writing you about you know about from a later story, the Jencks angle. I assume all this began with Nixon, not that there is a question of how much he may have learned ex poste facto. Therefore I also assume there are many who are not only guilty but are aware of his personal guilt, More than the Berlin Wall. He has to have them not face durance vile to be certain they won't talk for if they talk, they have totalk about him. He can't stand another Dean. What has not been mentioned in all of this is the reason the

to all except the couple who were in the innermost Oval. It is to impeach. This was the essence of the Jencks decision. If the tapes are not produced, the witnesses can't be impeached and the accused against whom they'd testify walk. You'll find just about all making the demand, as Mitchell seems to have. Haven't read paper but Lil saw that item. This also probably means what GL doesn't want but can't avoid: Dean won't even be indicted.

Except for the Ellsberg fluke, the big ones may now be untouchable. They can be nailed on perjury that can be established by other means, but a simple contradiction won't do it. This is the problem GL had with Hunt, how to protect himself by protecting Hunt, who has not yet opened up in public. He really can say things and prove most. This also makes me wonder if he'll be rational enough on the stand. He knows much better than he did in reading copy and the galleys on Give Us This Day, so deterioration can be inferred to the early part of this year. And he had serious emotional troubles to begin with. It is, I think, a very complex play where GL has the odds his way, as the bastard always does in contention with the decent, and can't lose whatever the final decision because there is no means of enforcing it.

The Haldeman opening was pretty transparent, but Ervin had no choice. I do hope that the papers used the transcript not his prepared statement because I do want to go into his exact words. Unless GL had this in mind to begin with it would never have happened, thus Wilson's Nazi's delight.

These baddies have a reading the average man doesn't: they know Ervin et al are pulling their punches. I think I sent you rough roughs on some CIA stuff, Greenspun/Hughes, so these can be sample. (I hope they are not as bad as they can be. I've not read yet.) This gives them more daring than their need/ does. and their need is enough. The situation, in fact, is not a Nixon can't lose one, whatever happens. And all that does happen, even if it damages him (and that never bothered him) it advances his fascist purpose.

My Italian friend is anything but an intellectual, but I'll be sure to ask him about what Marco really took back from China when he is here again. The one chance is folklore. Lil will be particularly glad to read this part. She is now keeping the books for our only local Chinese restaurateur, Mr. ~~Miaox~~ Miao (Quick, the phonetic!) He has invited us to be his guests. (Sorry it is not her account. She could and would save him money, more than she will in any event. He is Block's account, she handles it. His accountant was a terrible crook, as was his lawyer.) The jowdzu also has a Yiddish equivalent. Natch. Marco passed through that part of the world too, the Ukraine, Bessarabia, etc. Hope Miao serves it to himself. Doubt he does for the locals.... I don't really think the Italians always had the pasta. I remember no references to it in my studies of ancient history. (Have to remember to ask Howard, who is still a history major. He hasn't written since his return, by the way.)... That slow, stove-top Pizza- wow, I dig anything fried in sesame oil. Also the seeds, the paste and any variations.

Never thought of the oxygen. What I did think of too late, for the bad heat/pollution is now past, is cleaning the air-conditioner filters. Bet they are now clogged badly. If I were not worried about not having the money to repair or replace, I'd have started using them earlier on the bad days. We, too, have been above this, until last year, the first time it reached us. Often when I walk I could see the pollution blanketing the lower land. This time I couldn't see the mountain on which we are except as a hazy blob. Glad we'll see the green a while and then the galaxy before the winter's brown, unpretty.

Lesar behind on NO papers so all I know about JG ploy was in Post. Not really surprised. Remember my first letter to Bailey, before I got a different reading on him? Tried to get local news 4 a.m. when I had to go to bathroom. WWL great signal in storm, but all they had was CBS net news from New York. At 5 took off to get CBS NY, and they had Martha story not in Post (phoned Helen Thomas, Nixon-Mafia) Heard two later CBS net newscasts, no mention. Listened to Westinghouse Phila station while shaving, making coffee (all news). While CBS used their correspondent's interview with Helen Thomas, their station didn't use any part of the story. Here Martha has to have been reading of John has to have been talking. She can't have personal knowledge. If she didn't know before, betcha all kinds of people have been sending her all kinds of things... Time to fetch Lil. We have a new New York lawyer buff coming down tonight. Previous contact only phone. He can't help me because his firm reps Dutton, but he has been seeking counsel for me. Not purpose his visit. Thanks and best,

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