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Dear Jim, your 9/14 refers to a WG hrg fix being on. It has been and it would seem to be across the board. Perhaps the polls, which give the lie to the misrepresentation about public attitudes, and the apparently strong protests about planned reductions in telecasting may make some difference. The Inoye clip you sent plus his earlier statement forecast a "liberal" desire not to give the needed airing to "dirty tricks" on the spurious ground that most states have laws. Were this valid there would be no need for a Senate investigation. As I was discussing this yesterday with a young lawyer who was here, if Nixon did not long ago get a clear "fix" reading he'd not have dared do what he has been doing. For his conduct to be justified he has to be and has to have been certain of not less than these two things: no possibility of impeachment and no real investigation and exposure. He would have counterattacked, regardless, but his kind of attack would have been different as would his policies and formulations. The papers have gone along with this. The absence of stories is not explainable as due to vacations. ~~Example: what I gave WXPost on D and H Hunt, her money and property, etc. (By the way, Hunt's Give Us This Day is on sale in NYC.)~~ Only some kind of serious exposure can turn this around and I do not see it as now probable.

Your ref to waif and incoherence: since then new "explanations" sent you will not seem more coherent unless you see what I do not. I should soon be hearing from young friend who was to report official records. The name of the victim seems a little familiar, but I do not place it and it is probable that I do not know it. HW 9/17/73