

Dear Jim, Look for a WxPost expose on Nixon and his property or money. It is in the pipeline. Ron Kessler is doing it. I think I suggested this as one possibility when I talked with him prior to his two pieces on the D. Hunt crash. (I've asked Lesar to try to get a copy of the NTSB report on that on the chance it includes an appendix that could interest.) Paul ~~xxxx~~ told me this a.m. The garrison acquittal is not surprising because it must have been apparent that there was no case. Who could believe that a man in a position to graft ~~as~~ ^{OCT 1} 1973 he could have would have grafted so little. One of the uncommented results (from what ~~xxxx~~ I've seen and heard is that in the effort to convict him the government had to make deals with most of those they arranged to be co-defendants. And those co-defendants who did not make deals and were tried with him also were acquitted. All of this must have cost us several millions of dollars...The lack of attention the outcome got surprises...The Post, as you'll see, used AP copy. It began with an anti-Garrison who had been charged with a crime by Garrison. On learning this it switched from its former stringer to another who any check would have shown was anti-Garrison. For this trial alone it used none of its own staff. First time. HW 9/28/73

WxPost 8/29/73 reporting Nixon's campaign loot, expenditures inadequate. Perhaps Sunday's paper will have more. If not, would appreciate your scanning NYTimes 9/29 to see if it has more. TV news night 9/28 reported Hunt gave \$1,000, Annenberg, other ambassadors \$250,000, both not ^{OCT 1} 1973 mentioned in Post. I'll have to handle financial corruption, would like to be able to do this briefly, have some files. Plan to use illustrations, like Stone, who got paid back in millions. Or, the Power of Negative Thinking for Nixon....Disappointing that a paper with the Post's pretensions can devote so much now-scarce newsprint to multitudinous sections of want-ads and real-estate and deal with this kind of story so scantily...Have you noticed what I have, no second-day stories, no follow-ups on Garrison acquittal? When he was charged, the papers went crazy, even those who told me they considered it a frame-up. Clawson's going to the White House from the Post immediately followed his telling me this, by the way. HW 9/29/73