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Dear both,

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The forgotten-daily 3cl mailing went out this morning. Sorry about the delay. Some may be of no value and are included as a record of the fact only on the chance there was no reporting elsewhere. Some for laughs.

I've packed a heavy bag for tomorrow in court so I'm as ready for that as I can be, it is a bit early for bed, and all the nuttiness over the House Committee, like Hoch's proposals for ~~mt~~ disasters, have been worrying me.

It is not that I didn't expect the general situation, for I did, long ago and continuously except for a brief Church period. But once it is here it does get more troubling.

I've carboned you on just about if not all I've sent on it. I do not ask any time of you unless you have criticism. That is always helpful. Generally I lack it. Unless, of course, you can see a way out of a cul de sac, as I really do not.

I have an agreement for a responsible approach. I'm to be the witness on the medical and ballistics and ballistics-related evidence.

I did not ask a confrontation arrangement at the outset so it was not agreed to at the outset. I think it is likely that there will be some discussion on this. I'm not inflexible on that. I do not think we should testify simultaneously to ~~be~~ begin with. I do think I should go first to give the others less free range in ~~xxx~~ wanderings into the irrelevant and something to have to face. This would also serve as an evidentiary primer for the Members. Afterward is when I think there should be the confrontation.

While I did not expect Bud to call me after his today's meeting with Downing I do think he should have. We have little to do with each other except when he has the need.

I had an apologetic call from Whitten this afternoon. We are to try to get together tomorrow but it looks unlike with him having to do Anderson's work and also get the column out. He said I was unfair in blaming him for the inaccuracy of which I wrote Bradlee, where it turns out they have some problems. I did not recall that I'd blamed him personally but I took his word and offered to write Bradlee. He said not to. I'm sorry if I did give him personal blame. I know that Anderson dictates, as Pearson did, and the others have no choice. He did not dispute the inaccuracy charge. I have a hunch there will not be less liberty with fidelity to fact.

They lead terrible lives, even for that business. He says his working day is not from about 8 in the am to 11 pm. I guess they take turns at speaking engagements. This means one has to get it out and supervise the carrying on of all other work. Including Jack's regular TV work.

If you did not watch the CBS TV news tonight, we supped to it. Cronkite apologized in response to a complaint by Schorr about their reporting of his resignation. Cronkite said Schorr was right, that they had erred in saying his suspension was over blaming another CBS reporter. It was not that at all. That was the cause of the internal friction. He did not blame another reporter. This is the classic knife retraction. CBS drew the wrong conclusions ~~xxx~~ from his silence. This led them to suspect Leslie Stahl. Therefore he did it. But he's fixed because he had a contract, flat annual ~~xxx~~ unlike most.

They've fired my friend Roger over his refusal to take the graveyard shift. It is to go to arbitration. They were real crazy to do this just when they need an in-house expert on assassinations and they have no diggers in Washington with Schorr gone. Graham is a handout artist who gets an occasional leak.

Jimmy Ray came ~~thru~~ through with the required affidavit. He accompanied it with a letter to JL including some cracks about my having written him a turgid letter (he used the word but probably can't pronounce it - he not quite Agnew). He added something to the effect that I must think he is of the Gay Liberation Front. Whatever that means. JL told me by phone. But the cracks are not what counts. I've heard them before. What counts is that Jim has it filed and can file the petition cert in typed form rather than printed. Some progress. Best,