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Dear Harold:

No bell'd ring here at your inquiry about any CIA background for Snyder or C. Dickeman Williams. We think we'd remember it in some way if we had heard such. Perhaps one or both have a record of handling CIA cases, as in Rothblatt.

The developments of the past week, beginning with the disclosures of the 23June72 tapes connecting all our heroes with the coverup, have left us tired and discouraged. Tired from trying to keep on top of the breaking story by monitoring as much as we could in order to avoid missing as little as possible. And discouraged at the way Congress, particularly the House, is dropping the whole thing and shoving it over to one man, Jaworski. We have tried to think of someone to whom we could write in time before Congress recesses Aug. 23, but haven't been able to fix on anyone who looks like he could do the least bit of good.

One thing does cheer us: this massive chickening out certainly makes even more relevant your Unimpeachment book, and I should think it would now command far more attention than it might otherwise have received simply because there are many people who feel ~~that~~ as we do that the House should go ahead and impeach (with precedent) and that the Senate should then try Nixon for high crimes and misdemeanors to which he implicitly has confessed; otherwise the Constitutional responsibility inherent in the impeachment provision will have been shirked. The responsibility fundamentally is to the people, who need to have spread on the record the full story of how long, how repeatedly, and how gullibly they have been had. Otherwise, as von Hoffman says, the next Nixon will know exactly how to finesse any efforts to stop him.

I hope you saw GL's farewell to his staff. As ~~Lisagor~~ Lisagor says, it was vintage Nixon, bitter, self-pitying, cravenly self-righteous and replete with subconscious extrusions the psychiatrists will be examining for years. We taped it in case you need it.

We're automatically alert for anything on Hunt or Colson, but with your reminder we'll be extra careful to send along anything we see.

Best,



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