

Dear Jim,

2/2/74

You hit it right about the doctor (1/29) but not over the syntethic! If the other girls in this seminar are like the one who is going to work for me and who visited today -- well, ten years will come off me quick!

Off the mind, anyway.

Hunt's writing as such interests me not at all. However, I'm glad you are punishing yourselves instead of me. Of those you mention, Where Murder Waits seems to be the only one that may disclose what can be of interest. Cubans. And Hunt's image of Hunt and all the official devils of the Kennedy years.

I will have an extra copy of The Sorcerers or Diabolus. Don't recall which. A friend picked it up in New York. Lesar seems to think at least one of the two he got is still available where he got it. If he hasn't gotten dupes, he will after he returns from his Monday visit with Kay. Or, as of now there is a 50-50 chance I'll be able to supply both. And if one is not available, I'll ask the friend who will xerox one for himself to make it two.

Unless you see some reason for me to read them, thanks but don't bother with getting copies. I am aware that there can be subtleties, but I would not expect them to be other than those in the books I've read of will read. Thanks. But if you think I should read them, I would like to. And a book in the pocket is easier to handle in Lil's small and now very crowded office than a folder of clips.

(Your Woolworth's is less discriminating than ours and we sport no Ye ~~XXX~~ Thrifty.)

If you do not check the letters to the editor, Hunt has one in today's Post. He can't help telling us all about himself. The Woodward review of The Compulsive Spy also tells us a little about Woodward and what it takes to earn a Pulitzer. Real perception. And consummate investigative skill.

I'm happier about the prospect of getting all the cards to all the indexes run into a single card file. And then about getting a name index to the 2,000 pages of the (delayed) 1970 declassification of the WC documents. It is to start tomorrow. The girl who is going to do it is a history major, pleasant and seems genuinely interested. She spent several hours here while the young Baltimore reporter and his girl friend were visiting. In fact, from 10 a.m. until now, after 8 p.m. I didn't do any work, unusual. Before these visits I added to Mathias' body count when he announced (official, that is, like the Queen's birthday) his decision to run for re-election.

He is doing a rather daring thing. No cash contributions, no matter how small, and no contributions over \$100.

I was pleasantly surprised to see all his former enemies in the Republican Party there. That is the way they read Watergate and what it has done to him. Or, what his position on it has done to popular attitudes to him. I don't think he'll have any but right-wing nut primary opposition. His trouble will be in the election if the Democrats finance a decent candidate. He'll not get that much in small contributions. Not with what TV now costs. But I think he'll make it. He has always won with democratic votes.

The papers didn't carry his expression and expressions when Scott started up recently. He said I wish Hugh would keep his mouth shut and not say such hurtful, stupid things we all have to apologize for. TV carried it. Or, he says the right thing.

I've skimmed the enclosed clips. Again you seem to have anticipated what the Post would not have. Thanks.

Bennett/doctor. Great, thanks. With the tax board's ruling there should now be a flood of claims from the legislators and all these who spent a year in Vietnam. If enough of them claim refunds on their state taxes, ~~it~~ it would be a nice touch. You are going to wind up with Democratic victors even in Orange County at this rate!

Best,  
Jim