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Dear Jim, Once again an important story is missing from my files. It is the Post's of 12/20/73 on the Baker leak of Hunt's alleged domestic activities for LBJ and I believe containing a threat against the Post about which I wrote Sussman, I have the Post's next day story, that of the Times of 12/21/73 which you sent, AP's B wire 12/21, Maynard's by-liner 1/17/74 and the Star's of 12/21, too. Having spent a long time searching all the files in which it could have been, I find no trace. I also find an old file on the effort to frame the CIA with WG responsibility entirely gone....Barry Sussman is on leave redoing his WG book, so in his absence it has turn<sup>ed</sup> out that I have not been able to get a xerox from the Post...If you would please send me a copy of this story only I'd appreciate it. It will be for the Baker-CIA chapter, What Did Senator Baker Know, When Did He Know It - And What Did He Do? Not having it will impede this writing, for which I'd gotten up earlier, having worked my way through this chapter to this point. ...This kind of thing disturbs much. Not only do I hate to get up early and waste time but each time it happens I wonder how much more is missing and why. I do a certain amount of misfiling because I rush so and in the past when I had no file space a little more was inevitable, but find a whole series of stories and not the first one is not easy for me to explain to myself, especially when they are all properly filed in a properly-marked folder...Epstein has taken up the attack on the Post, in Commentary. His sources are clearly -again -DJ. It has been so from the first. Thanks and best, 7/21/74

HJD