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Dear Jim,

7/30/74

Nothing uncomplimentary intended, but I'm too tired to write any of the unpleasant letters I must or to pick up the writing so, with others I've done no more than let you know I've received in the stack for response, I do go right to your 7/26/74, which came today. Washington tired me more than I realized until after supper. Lil says the hearings are to be on again, so I'll take them in, having caught only bits on radio.

Washington and more driving than I'm used to for three of the past four days.

It is the Pacifica thing. There are other similar developments all consistent with what you suggest. The same thing happened to the National Guardian, for example.

These young one are quite intolerant, strongly opinionated, and lack the experience from which to project sound judgement. They become rule-or-ruin types.

Intent become irrelevant. As you've heard me say of others, if they are not agents somebody has some free.

I don't believe I can help them now that they have lost the appeal unless they are able and willing to reopen the case. They had no chance on the line they took because if they won locally they'd have lost when the government appealed.

It is the same reason we lost the spectro suit. Not direct, frontal, principled attack. They don't always work but sometimes they hold the only possibility.

I learned this quite young and I've been the real victim of several attempted and ongoing official frames if I had not done this. The intellectuals, like Hiss, are incapable of it and it is foreign to the training of lawyers.

If they discuss this with you, as I believe improbable, I do have a new suggestion for them. Have them get a cassette of identical make and variety and see if it will hold prints. If it does, they might have the one they have dusted to see if it holds one that can be identified. Some are too rough except on the edges. ~~xxxx~~ Aside from this, it is not necessary to leave any. It is a bum rap that coincides with other bad news and is consistent with an effort to keep them off the air.

We don't have the good of Pacifica but there are three stations on FM only on which I can get the hearings. There was a point last night when I was driving back from Baltimore in a very bad storm at which I could receive all three. They do not all three always b'cast simultaneously. Coming back from DC this evening I could get two and switched around as I entered the fringe area. There is also an AM all-news inde with an FM associated that broadcast the hearings last night. So the service here is very good. Sp, if you haven't checked around, suggest you do. Any university stations out there? Quite a few on FM around here. At home on the large set I can get other public stations, too, like Hershey, Pa. York, Pa., Balt. and even a Kent County High School FM station. You probably haven't checked the listings. But maybe the mountains will screen? You might get a Sacramento signal there. I make these suggestions for the coming House floor fracas and the Senate's that will follow. If the papers don't list, check what I think is called Forecast, a monthly program of the FM-hifi-public stations. If you have one ~~xxx~~ out there.

If you are not equipped to tape from your TV, your suggestion to me when you sent me the Craig works find, alligator clips on the speaker of the TV and direct plug into the recorder.

With all to which they could have turned their talents it is too bad that the kids had to wreck KPFA. I remember your reporting their initial takeover. Now they'll have to be real tough to convince themselves that somebody else did it. Like CIA. They'll destroy totally rather than recognize and face their consciences. This has been my (limited) experience with them.

They set themselves up for their enemies and wind up doing that kind of work.

It would take more more than one real good operators to pull that kind of job with those kinds of minds and temperaments to work with.

Hope the STM's healing continues. At my uncle's funeral yesterday I saw the cousin my mother's age at whose 50th wedding anniversary I undertook my own remedy for the one flareup mine ever had, from improper medication. Seeing her reminded me of this. I threw the damned medicine away because I was certain it was causing the trouble, started feeling better, and by night I loaded up on all those rich Yiddish delights all so wrong for ulcers and digestion, washed it down with Scotch, just missed getting drunk on a long night of it, and it worked fine. No more trouble! But I don't recommend for any other ulcer!

Best,

