

JDW-FYI re ~~lpi~~ WxPost 9/6/74 Greenway story on Chou's health, particularly re insertion quoting Congresswoman Barbara Jordan:

Sometime during the night I heard a Westinghouse item on this. The import was opposite the line the Post has worked into this account. It quoted Jordan as saying that it was explicit that Chou was quite ill or in deteriorated condition. In the sense of her belief that her hosts were being both apologetic and honest, that he was missing because he was ill, not for political reasons. It also made reference to Jackson's earlier statements on Chou's illness.

Both Greenway and the Post seem to be contriving a "left wing" ousting of Chou or some basis for later allegations along this line. When there can be no doubt that the man has been ill and there have been even TV pictures showing him to be frail and unsteady afoot this kind of journalistic over-reaching does not seem to be either normal or without some purpose.

A second reason for this note is the possibility some purpose later suggests itself. Manufacturing a political situation out of what without reasonable doubt is the authentic illness of an old man is just too abnormal.

Especially the day after the same paper has editing out of a long enough story the explicitness with which Larry O'Brien said that Teddy would be assassinated if he runs for president. I find any kind of comment along this line by O'Brien as exceptional as the Post's editing. It amounts to pressure on Teddy not to run, among other things.

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