

JDW- What a pleasant surprise hearing your voice last night just at the end of a very pleasant dinner with another good friend, Les Payne. Lil celebrated by drinking a little too much, which was very good in relaxing her and made me feel good on that count. We expect Les to call us soon for breakfast before he goes to Washington. ...If I did not explain my desire for the Gordon tape it has two parts - the possibility that a judge disclosed prejudice and impropriety and the nature of his offer to help. I want JL to hear both. ...During the night I heard a weather bureau long-range forecast that I suppose will make your papers: the drought that includes your area is forecast to continue to or through August. And our forecast for today is a zero dip again....As you will gather from my memo to Les I expect fireworks on the Hill today. I think the odds are that both Gonzalez and Sprague will go and quite possibly the committee with them, absent something solid from it. To date it has been plagiarism and foolishness, as a real debate can show. A sorry business I've had to oppose. As I've been telling Jim with each development, I never expect to hear Sprague quoted in disparagement of chicken farmers.

Best, HW 2/16/77

PS I respond to Lane on the Washington station a bad night, the only one they have, the night before we begin to ~~depose FBI agents~~ depose FBI agents. Not only does this mean I can't work with Jim that night, it means he'll not work but will listen, in spite of all encouragement, not to.