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Dear Jim,

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Your very practical suggestions about how to get ready for taping the House hearings - now I might add if any - have started me off and I think it will be an okay arrangement. It thus far is working out well with the reorganization of my office with a shelf above the back end of the desk. I had an old Zenith Inter-Oceanic multi-wave set that needs minor work and it does have AFC as an option. It is a larger set but the extra room it takes up is not a real problem and it does have better sound from its larger speaker.

While I would like to keep the number of pieces of equipment on the desk down to the minimum it is already clear that I'll be able to do most of the taping I might want to do at it.

But I've carried this farthur and have other plans, possible because we have another payment due on the confiscation of the farm. Due? Overdue. We have a friend who can use our K-mart hifi, which is quite good except it is poor on separation of some FM signals, being AFC only, and has the control on the back for use of the tape deck.

First I got to thinking about a reorganization of the hif-TV arrangements and then went farthur. If I can get some not elaborate carpentry done that will work out. Meanwhile, I thought of a Zenith dealer who use to be a friend when I got this old set out. He handles only Zenith, services it only (generally) and in our experience stands behind it. I've spoken to him and he thinks he can supply a hifi that will serve our needs for everything off my desk at what I can swing because I won't have to buy the speakers with it,

I guess I've just been spoiled by the convenience of the Craig, which requires only the throwing of one control to tape.

The new 8-tracks are a convenience and a pleasure. We are hooked on them. If there is no music we want we put one on. Our selection is still limited but I've paid no more than \$2 for any one. We had a few given to us - the first we had, to Lil, Yesterday she actually put some Count Basie and Louis Armstrong on. And let herself like it and remember it of the past, with pleasure.

On the committee itself, S]rague has backed off enormously. He is now currying the mealtime favor of the press and from the reports to me not the top ones in influence, with offers of all sorts of retreats. Two to dinner night before last.

I had no idea how authoritarian-minded he is when I first heard of him and did not gather it when I first met him, although I got a Garrisonian impression. Now I find myself wondering how often he thinks of the advice I gave him about playing a different ballgame under different rules and entirely different referees, about the uniqueness of Congress and its special forlways and mores so foreign to the courtroom. I'm sure glad he did not listen!

They are currying Jim a little.

Yesterday they phoned here for seven Frame-Ups. They are also getting I think he said 5 from Jim. And their chief "ing investigator says he has found questions in it that have to be answered. To Jim. He does not speak to me and I do not expect him to unless Jim refuses to discuss fact with him, as I've suggested.

Best,