

# Some of Kissinger's Garbage Is Returned by Fla. Reporter

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A reporter for a national weekly newspaper, who had contounded Secret Service agents by driving off with five bags of trash from in front of Henry Kissinger's Georgetown home, returned the garbage yesterday—minus "several dozen interesting things" whose nature he would not disclose.

"We heard Mrs. Kissinger was upset that we took her trash," said Jay Gourley, a freelance reporter for the National Enquirer. "Since it's so precious to them, we thought we should bring it back."

Gourley said he and "an experienced garbologist" flown in from the paper's Florida headquarters, had spent all Tuesday night sifting through the trash, and had come up with some "secret service documents—routine working papers—nothing top secret" plus other "things the public will find interesting."

The results of this trash analysis, Gourley said, will be published in the Enquirer later this month.

Gourley started secret service agents shortly after midnight Tuesday when he drove up to the Secretary of State's townhouse at 3018 Dumbarton Ave. NE and removed the five plastic bags of trash from the curbside to the trunk of his car. After 24 hours of quecting, agents let him go when they determined he had done nothing illegal.

Later, the State Department issued a statement condemning the garbage grab, saying

it has "caused grave anguish to Mrs. (Nancy) Kissinger," and that the Secretary "is revolted by the act and considers that at least the privacy of his house should be respected."

Gourley, surrounded by newspaper reporters, television cameramen and photographers, was smiling as he put the garbage back on the Kissinger curb yesterday.

A secret service man, speaking tersely from the steps of the Kissinger home, told a reporter that Mrs. Kissinger was at home when the garbage was returned, but that there would be no comment from anyone.

A reporter pawing through the Kissinger household trash just before Gourley returned it, found lots of leaves, an empty vichyssoise can, a coat hanger, a starch can, an unopened package of moldy, uneaten English muffins, diet soda cans, newspapers and assorted perishable goo.

Eying the commotion yesterday a neighbor of the Kissinger era, a woman who would not give her name, told Gourley that her trash was not picked up from curbside as scheduled on Tuesday.

"Could you take mine too?" she asked.

Gourley smiled and walked away.

## Enquirer Garbage

### Under Scrutiny

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., July 9 (UPI)—The Palm Beach Post sent a reporter to raid the garbage bins of the National Enquirer, the weekly tabloid whose reporter was

caught taking garbage from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's home.

What reporter Steve Mitchell and photographer John Freeman found in the garbage bin was half-eaten pizzas, empty friend chicken boxes, computer printouts of stories and file folders filled with rejected stories and correspondence.

Mitchell, who writes a humor column for the Post, said he pushed aside the chicken bones and pizza remains and filled a plastic bag with several armloads of file folders and correspondence.

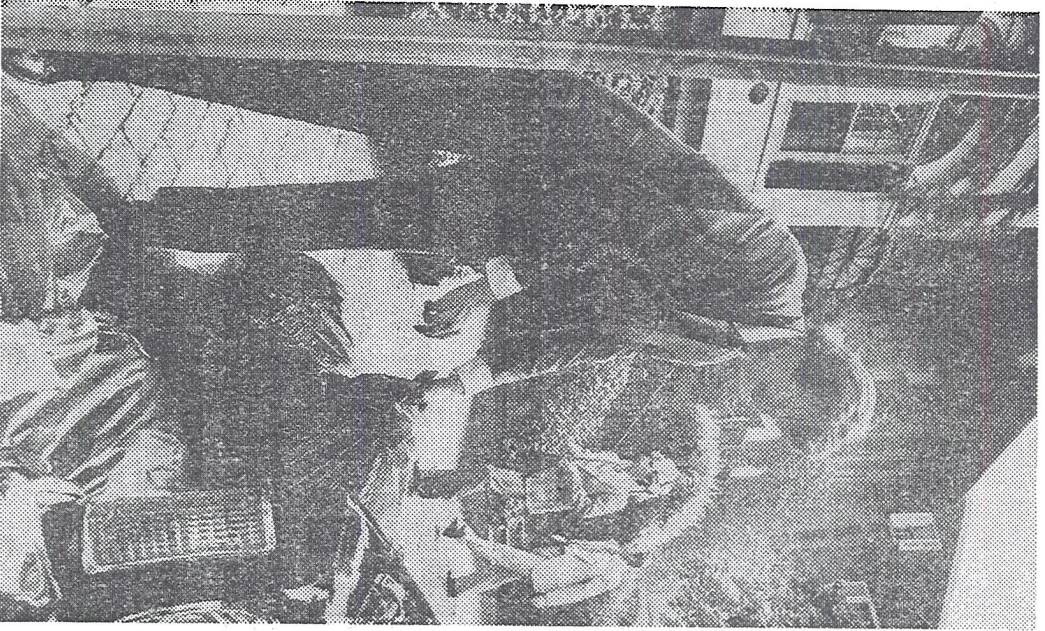
"It wasn't until we began going through our loot that we realized what a prize we had found — a memo from publisher Geneseo Pope Jr. himself," Mitchell reported.

Mitchell said the memo, dated Aug. 17, 1973, told reporters, editors and writers at the Enquirer their stories should "touch our readers' souls . . . cause them to smile, to get lumps in their throats, to break down and cry."

Mitchell said the memo continued: "We want the Enquirer filled with stories like the classic 'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.'"

The Pope memo, according to Mitchell, went on to advise the Enquirer staff:

"Prod, push and probe the main characters in the story. Help them frame their answers. Ask leading questions like 'do you ever go into the corner and cry, or has God forsaken you?'"



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National Enquirer reporter Jay Gourley replaces trash.