

Joel Kaplan-A Mexican friend writes the Venezuelan who escaped with him is in Caracas talking his head off to the wire services. This friend should know, but I guess it is in the Latin-American papers only. He claims to have masterminded the escape, that Kaplan is innocent, that he is in touch with K but wont say where or how - and that he is also in touch with a Mexican movie-maker, which may explain all the foregoing. H

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If there is such a thing as rising above rising above principle, we have (in the project in which I am the susually-silent observer, no more), risen above Character, or, aside from whatever one does when the arduistry is over, it is about 80% completed.

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I hope I have not burdened you by sending things I want returned when they may be of no interest to you. The Rehnquist piece is one of which I had doubt. I have just decided to start a file on him because I have at least one case that will reach the Supreme Court (unexciting prospect) and I think he should disqualify himself having decided policy on that issue. Hence a secondary point in my opposition, official, to Powell. I got a telegram today giving me until 5 p.m. tomorrow to "file with the committee a written statement of proposed testimony", something that can hardly be accomplished by mail and didn't have to take a week for the telling. Imagine! The Congress is working on a SUNDAY (11/7). I'll deliver in person, lucky people. Lucky doesn't mean they'll be pleased. Best, HW