

8/23/72 Lucky friends! I finally had to instal the new ribbon I've been saving instead of reusing those that wear out on Lil's machine. I'll be making a few footnotes for the appendix to PM, to the long epilogue of which I'll probably not be able to add an epilogue, a brief on en Lattimer's long piece (did you get a copy--do you want?) which none of my young friends seems to have really understood, from what I've gotten from them, and possibly on Wecht's operation that, I believe, begins today. Fortunate accident. Lil rarely goofs, and in this case the fault may be mine. One of the things I got long ago was a Secret Service accounting of the ehian of possession on the film and its processing that, it turns out, was on at least one point a deliberate deception (think I sent you a carbon of my letter to Kelly). This leaves enough space on that page, after mounting of his letter for facsimile repre, for a note. There are not only about a dozen pages that need attention, then for the appendix. The problem there is what to exclude, there is so much. If I reproduced every document used in this book, many entirely new, the appendix would make six books!...The number of your labels that Je sent almost equalled the envelopes in one box. So, terrible as my typing is, I'll not now have to check to see if I have the address correct. I labelled that box, set it aside after stamping the return address, and numbered beginning with 1 again. This is the first. I have no reason to believe there are intrusions into the mail between us but this gives a check... You non-TVers: we have talked of Nixon's endless copying. Last night he even copped the famous "ask not what your country can do for you" line in talking to the kids after the Sammy Davis show. He went after the kids, suddenly and shamelessly, when he saw what they did for McG, and having nothing about himself fit for a movie, presented one on that nothing Pat, again obvious copying, of the Bobby film and the popularity of Jackie. If Jackie was popular (and slim, too), therefore Pat would be popular (she also is slim)....I don't think there has even been anything as bald and as contemptuous of the people as this administration's blatant copying. Nothing but evil is original with it, and that, too, is copied in its handling. HW