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I'll found this hook 12/5/72 in straightening out an afghan that hadn't been used in weeks, if not months, in the living room. It was usually kept on the back of an arm chair that is more inaccessible, in a corner. She had placed it folded on the sofa. During the night the DEC 8 1972 McDonald's dog had pulled it part way off the couch. He carries no such hook, made of hard, think wire and obviously not a standard, manufactured item. I have no idea what it is for, who made it, for what purpose, or how it got there or even in the house. I do know that no guest could have deposited it by accident and that I had never seen it before. The only possible inference is that it was left by an intruder. It is shaped like a fishhook, except that where the hook part would be, the barb, it is flared outward and is not barbed. The overall length is about 1 1/2 inches, and bent part is about 3/8 across, and the length of the bent part is about 3/4 inch. It is of hard, unplated steel wire that shows no sign of having been rolled up, as on a spool. The end to which a cord might be tied or run through was made by something like needle-nosed pliers. There is no twist at this end, indicating great weight or stress was not anticipated. Mysterles.

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12/5/72 Jim, we hit an even worse time with Warren Weaver. I don't know if he wrote anything or if the Times carried anything on the Ray petition. I do know that yesterday ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and today were heavy at the Supreme Court and that he was a witness this morning before the Mathias-Stevenson committee on the (non)effectiveness of Congress. At 12:35 he is still testifying. However, at least one person besides me heard it on radio news, the clerk at our local gunshop, the only person I asked. Of our five local radio stations, 2 FMs (and I listen to none), one is CBS and at least one uses WPI. He could have heard of the petition filing from these original sources. I've had no calls, but I was away all but an hour of this a.m. I phoned Larry later last night because I had not heard from Bob, what Larry was going to try to arrange. Larry is now on the day side, covering local courts. That's fairly well isolates him from such reporting, I suppose why he agreed that it should be assigned to Bon, who is national staff.

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