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2/20 The China deal is taking on such aspects in the media we've begun wholesale, public, media confessions of perpetual error, going back to the importations of coolie labor, their beatings (cited as origin of Chinaman's Chance), grossly unfair, racist (sic) literature and "art" (movies) complete with samples, about 20 minutes of horrible examples from US movies. CBS had an hour of it tonight that we caught just from accident. In some areas, beginning with spelled-out origin opium war, presence foreign troops, horror samples from movies of US regarding parts of China as "US property", and how the Chinese felt, it was much better than I'd have expected. For US TV, I'd say the whole thing, for all its many inadequacies, was much better than I would ever have expected. Fascinating is that while it was pretty harsh on US attitudes and policies, it had no single, unkind word to say of Chiang. The New China shots were stock, largely those aired in past week on another show I'd seen that got a highlight listing I'd

spotted in the Post. Meanwhile, all the TV commentators are chorusing that it is not possible for anything to come out of this except an acquaintance, a slight opening of the door. They can't give Nixon anything, nor can he give them. Expect no result except end to total isolation China (which is never explained as us being alone as isolated from a quarter of the people of the world who are on their way to nuclear parity). But on balance, for all its inadequacies, lack of complete honesty and whatever other legitimate criticism that can be made, these things and the apparently enormous attention planned, much more than has started on TV will mean a radical shift in popular US attitudes toward China. Only nuts will ever consider that a of that 800,000,000 has two heads and bites whites with both. A radio report I heard while listening for a weather report this a.m. says that transportation of communications needs alone is costing a half million, Western Electric paid for that hour, entire net. I think they are at least in part also sponsoring telecast of arrival. In short, an irreversible change has begun, I think. HW