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2/21/72 misc. notes TV coverage
 Nixon-China. CBS TV a.m. news, 1st
 35 minutes uninterruotedly from
 there, then brief one, then back to
 China. I've also watched NBC (last
 night, in bed, until it got too
 boring, something I think the Chin-
 ese helped arrange. Sponsorship by
 Western Electric and continuing
 from NBC last night to CBS this a.m.
 By Merrill, Lynch. Why they are so
 heavy on this, both, I wonder,
 unless WE is paying back some of what
 they are marking on this deal. At
 the banquet, Chou had Nixon on rt,
 Pat left. He was engaged in con-
 versation, with motions of hands,
 etc. Nixon seemed never to open
 mouth, even nod head, but Pat ani-
 mator, smiling. Last night Cronkite
 opened with gauche remarks that in
 context were in particularly poor
 taste, extending to such things as
 he didn't yet know where his room
 was, whereas Barbara Walters on NBC
 was pointed in saying the fine detail
 to which arrangements had been com-
 pleted in advance and in detail to
 eliminate language-barrier problems,
 to cards to be carried with explana-
 tions, identifications rooms, etc.
 Cronkite pointed to two lapel idents
 one US, one Chinese, under which it
 said "American Press". He asked if
 the Chinese said "Yankee Go Home".
 Boy, do we send our best, and do ~~the~~
 they earn their status!...During
 Chou's remarks, Dirty Dick and
 Tricky Dick became Dirty-Look Dick,
 sitting, unsmiling, seemingly un-
 comfortable, one eyebrow occasion-
 ally raised. Sometimes reading text
 in hand. When translation got to
 desires both peoples for better rela-
 tions, he smirked. Ref to time com-
 ing, when there was applause, he
 joined in and gave best on-camera
 smile, but tap-tap, slight clapping.
 He knew Ashbrook was looking...
 Cronkite commented that it was

surprising to see the Chinese peop
 were not all in drab uniforms, that
 there was diversity in dress, and
 that this would probably be more
 apparent were it not for need for
 warm outclothing....But even when
 Chou quoted Nixon favorably, no
 smile and slightest, formal clap.
 But good if breif on-camera smile
 at end. Considering the cordiality
 and optimism of the toats, Nixon's
 lack of decent beactionx conspicu-
 ous and poor taste...I'll not be
 able to tell you full play be-
 cause I didn't turn set on until
 sked. time regular newscast and I'll
 soon be taking Lil to work, assum-
 ing county didn't close up end
 lane during night, for if they
 plowed snow into it, it will now
 be frozen. Indications are b'cast
 will continue at least thru Nix.
 response, and there areba few
 things to interfvne and now but 5
 mins before end sked. b'cast. news.
 JohnHart CBS commented to expert
 Ross Terrill that it seemed to
 him "wxtraordinarily police for
 Chou to refer to 20 years of
 vitriol" as he had, Terrill agree-
 ing and adding.

Continuous live coverage, with back projection when voices and/or faces in US shown. Breadth, cleanliness street impressive on viewing and in commentaries. Somebody quoted Trudeau as saying massive hall example bourgeoisie architecture.... Except for cited Cronkite (trans, lit. from Yiddish, sickness) snide cracks, without exception every comment from any US source I've caught was at least friendly and straight, and often pointed in noting Chinese delicacies, as Chou's in care to save US face in toast ref to those 20 years, a point made by Bernard Kalb when it was, to his knowledge, redundant.... Later. It took 5 x as long to get Lil to work. Because of your interest in the subject I listened for radio treatment in and back. CBS ran a.m. radio news over to include Nixon's response. Mutual, which is punk at best, repeated Chou over and over. It and everyone else I saw/heard ref. Chou-Nixon handshake recalled Dulles' refusal Geneva. This sort of think fortifies my belief that no matter how little comes of this mtg., there has been the beginning of radical change the direction and end of which may not be clear, but influence US popular attitudes beyond return old ones. Anti-USSR mutual end not impossible, cert. not with Kissinger foundation, their, Indian reactions. All eastern Europe

TV except Albania has asked for Eurovision feeds, meaning from all 3 US nets. Two days behind papers, which just (before 10 a.m.) came. Road not yet plowed, single-lane opened by neighbors. Driving vy tricky. When I got home, instead of checking TV to see if coverage continued, I finished shovelling, scrapping carport so Lil will have non-icy footing and while part was still in sun, only means removing thin film remaining, temp. remaining below freezing. We have been lucky. This was rough storm. Parts here still isolated, all pub. functions closed. We'd be isolated not for farmers, who need feed in, milk out. Few banks high as car as drove through cuts in snow. Birds vy interesting. Lil has spotted some never supposed to be south of Canada. They have a marvellous telegraph, & when the word got around that my table was still set, we had more than I've ever seen here. I've fed for 3rd time today already!... The subtleties Chinese reception marvelous from TV. Large airport empty save for impressive honor guard, ditto roads, streets save for normal bike, pedestrian traffic, all disinterested. Chou's use old 5 points excuse site delicacy, overburdened with overtones other, if not Nixon, will get. Hope not boring to you. Best, H