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I've had an interruptions that, if it can be said of any interruption, came at a good time, just as I'd finished a necessary letter and before getting into writing again. With that man due in 15 minutes, I decided to read Kh. Remembers, and I've read a couple of pages only. He is not yet here but should be momentarily. So, before I forget, I want to suggest that if and when you read Kh., I predict you will be entranced by his account of the Schism. Beginning with the first sentence of that chapter. I will not anticipate it. I have no real knowledge of the causes and the editor, Crankshaw, is hardly dispassionate and detached. Nonetheless, I suspect you'll find this chapter of amusement, if not deeper interest. Based, remember, on the first couple of pages. H

2/24-Neither this nor anything I have

written earlier is intended to persuade you to get and read Khrushchev Remembers if it is not of interest. I have used my hand too much today and decided to stop typing and read until time to get Lil. I read through the rather brief Veitnam chapter. If this is a genuine work, I find that, except for the vigor of his anti-Maoism it has remarkably little on East Asia and that little, I feel is too undependable, even allowing for passion, hatred, self-defense mechanisms, etc. The downplay of the elections our side in each case aborted seems to be a lack of political wisdom in the manner of handling, esp. when if the history of the book is also true he desired a U.S. audience. So, assuming your knowledge of that area is infinitely superior to mine, if and when you read this I'd welcome an appraisal. There are other surprising omissions, like no ref to the catching of the CIA in their wholesale East Berlin phone tapping, the well-reported role of RFE in The Hungarian crisis coming to mind offhand. If one man in his position, even taping and not writing (and some of the formulations are consistent with that)

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