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7/2/72 Mindful of the foals-rushing wisdom and not having seen the texts of the Nixon-Mitchell letters which the Post didn't print (I don't want them if the times does)-even considering the not high opinion in which I hold Goerge Lardner's detachment (he wrote the story), I believe the last thing possible is that Mitchell has left Nixon's side or surrendered his position. In a way, this seeming change amy exaggerate his influence, for it frees him from the bureaucratic responsibilities, all of them, giving him full time for policy -and evil. I think Nixon requires a Mitchell and that MacGregor is not and can't be a substitute. Meanwhile, the great liability of what's liberation is overcome, perhaps convetered into

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an asset with a-political, un-  
thinking or unsophisticated women.  
Elections most often are determined  
by small numbers in key places, and  
this can become a major political  
asset before the terrible day....  
Because of the internal needs, I must  
keep the dependable TC 40 available.  
I am set up to tape McGovern on ABC in  
a couple of minutes, with the VOM,  
never really repairable. Testing the  
setup shows clarity enough byt hum,  
so it is not in your machine. If the  
thing turns out to be worth your  
half hour (in my judgement) after it  
is over. It is the developments of  
the past week that impel this taping  
for whether or not Jim sees/hears in  
in the office, Je will not. H  
I may hold until there is something  
of worth for the second side.