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Here I am again, bringing up the rear with odds and ends. Nothing much so don't bother with this if you're too busy.

On the missing King/Ray early clippings: don't worry about it. We haven't laid hands on them yet but they may very well be around here somewhere, perhaps misfiled. (Oh yes, it happens!) If you come across them, stick them in an envelope when you have one ready to go; if we find them we'll let you know. They'll turn up when they turn up and worrying about it won't make that happen any sooner; just wasted energy.

Your undated note mailed 21 Jun, on demo bugging, says, "Anything you see not attributed to Post (as in LATimes) or not seen in NYT, I'd appreciate." You have a dependable source for NYT on this and don't need copies from here? Until we're surer this is what you mean, seems safer to continue sending - so let us know. Yesterday checked our friendly neighborhood newsstand; Time, Newsweek, U.S. News on quick skimming didn't seem to have anything we didn't already know, so didn't bother to buy.

On clippings in general: It would save you time not to have to list clippings you already have, including NOSI, and it would save us time not to have to check your lists in various letters and notes, to determine which to copy. I started keeping notes from your letters of the clippings you had, occasionally found you had clippings we had already sent (letters crossing in the mail), and sometimes when I was uncertain if I had listed everything, having to check your letters to be sure - all in all it seems easier to copy and send. You wouldn't have to list and we wouldn't have to check. We do appreciate your thoughtfulness, but at the moment anyway it seems simpler to us to just copy what we think you might want.

Paragraph above has nothing to do with stories you want, and which we wouldn't know to watch out for unless you told us, so please continue to do that. I keep a list of those. One on that list is a story on Robert K. Brown you thought might be carried by NYT 16 Apr, a Sunday; on the chance there might have been a later story in the weekday editions watched for it but didn't see anything.

That seems to be all I have for the moment, except for something I've just remembered, a remark in one of your letters about my pasting of clippings and how lucky J is to have someone to do it. Watch it, friend - there's a nasty little streak of male chauvinism there. Good heavens, my time's much too valuable for that! I just send it along to our ~~edit~~ pasting department and he does it. We used to paste up everything (it's almost 2 a.m., which accounts for the typing ans - see? - and spelling) - I'll start over. We used to paste up everything because it's so much easier to handle that way, but I can scarcely remember the time when that was possible. Now we only do the long stories we think we might want to refer to and which would be a nuisance to unfold and fold again, and the smaller clippings that might get lost, and things that need copying and have to go into more than one file and where a note on it isn't enough.

As for typing, it must have been late when you wrote 6/7/72. Page 1, penultimate paragraph ends, and I quote: "Don't know who or which ate legat butts." After that you took a nap, and no wonder. Last paragraph says, "Don't ask me what I meant by 'legat butts'." Never thought of asking. Perfectly clear on first reading. "Don't know who or which are legitimate nuts." You're welcome.