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Dear Js,

Bay area retail clerks sure are liberated if your stores are closed Sat a.m.! In most stores hereabouts, Saturday closing is like weekdays, Fridays being the late night. So, Wil prefers Sat a.m.

If we still don't know about the character of the Demo bugging equipment, bearing on my theory that large size was to make more power possible is the recent report of the inclusion of a wrist-watch rigged as a timer. Or, to permit the turning off of the batteries during non-office hours. The non-identification of the thus-far identified lawyers intrigues. What firms, which would permit of a what-clients inquiry. Papers have avoided, although ordinarily they would not.

Borrowed Jim Lesar's file of clips today and after completion of a disagreeable chore I'd rather get to and over as uninterruptedly as possible, I will go over it. He'll have things from the Wash Star I won't, for example. The Star had some grand-jury g and ass that could even raise suspicions of Murray Chotiner. If the wire didn't carry, the pro-administration judge found Caddy in contempt. He is ordered to answer questions he says will violate lawyer-client jazz, meaning identify clients.

I think the outcome of the election will now depend on two things in particular, aside from such normal considerations as financing: how many disenchanted can be persuaded to register; and how much DirtyDickery is done in his name (he won't dare do much because he is President,) by his hired hatchets. Connally started today, baling McG for failure of the peace talks, called failure of negotiations.

The kids and allies took over. They deserved to. I fear they may go too far. While I am anything but a Salinger fan, it would have been good to have someone close to the top of the National Committee who is both a pro and a Nixon-hater, in this case one with the added asset of first-hand experience with DirtyDickery. My fear is not as much that the black in the No.2 spot will turn others off (can have serious influence on \$\$\$\$ raised) or that he is entirely unknown and has no connections inside the party, which the national committee needs, as plain, old-fashioned experience. This crew was entirely unable to cope with HHH's filth. The problem will be greater now.

I hope Wallace can't resist and runs ~~and~~ as American Independent candidate. Wonder if that will be one of Connally's assignments, stop it. He'll hurt Nixon only.

Talk is of a violent demonstration at the Republican convention. I can understand the frustration and emotion that could sponsor this, but it would help Nixon, not hurt him. Know nothing about today's indictment of the VN Vets in Tallahassee except the brief mention on tonight's TV news. Clearly they held this for the right moment. The great young people have changed the rules, what I've been referring to not as reform but as change. I hope they recognize it and use the change as a kind of intellectual judo. Otherwise they will be using their strength against themselves, not Nixon.

It is not only that there is nobody wants a revolt, which is true. Or that the arms are lacking. There is no chance of success now, and nothing fails like failures. If these people do what they can with the system, which is not quite the same as within, they may be suprised what they can accomplish.

There was a dramatic moment on TV. Don't know if it was played much in printed press. A young Marine deserted turned up on camera to say, inside the hall, that he had come there to turn himself in to dramatize the plight of those who would not fight a bad war. He said there are 100,000 like him, quite a figure. He picked the right stage, and he was center. This bears on what you say about morale. It started much farther back than we know. I had personal contact with some as hitch-hikers and one I'll never forget returning from Chicago about 1st week 1967.

I'm inclined to agree with your analysis that when they feel it necessary for their purposes, our military will be like those they trained and precipitate whatever they want. Internationally, I think the Chinese will be alert to provocation. Especially now. And the intransigence of the US position hasn't wavered, even with the clear popularity of the McG word. There seems to be a hint out of Paris, but I think it likely sucker-bait.

What you say of the hijackings not reported here...What is strange is a call from the mg. ed. Post Sunday Potomac Magazine. His ed. gave him the piece I did for the Enquirer. They are fascinated. Duncan Ockie. I suddenly realized this a.m. how they got it. He didn't know. I sent it to Ben Bradley in May to illustrate a point in response to some of the regular shirkery on assassinations. Whoodathunkit! Best, and thanks for clips I'll now read, *JSW*