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Dear Js,

When it is almost 80 at 5 a.m. in the mountains, I shudder to think of having to take Lil into DC at rush hour and come home the same time. The superhighway we use is being enlarged, and the construction work slows traffic, to a stop too often at rush hour. The forecast is for 95, humidity close to 100%, and we continue with a week-long pollution warning. In this part of the country there is often in the summer what is called a "bermuda high", a high that remains stationary over Bermuda and locks us into such a situation by blocking all changes in weather.

Last night I went over the goodies you sent. The new form of the KPFA news of 6/30 both the notes at the bottom leaves unclear, as do news accounts in the printed press, what was actually found in Hunt's desk. I am less concerned about whether the pistol was loaded than with whether he had a walkie-talkie and if so, what kind, working on what frequencies, licensed to whom. That disappeared from the news fast.

Je's notes on the Times 7/8 on Mitchell provides language I've seen nowhere else. Mitchell clearly enough says he had an investigation made. What he would call an investigation is a big question. But there has been no public report on what, if anything, it disclosed. Some of his equipment was recovered at the scene, and that requires some explanation.

He also says that "private agencies", not as used including newspapers, have been investigating. Again, not identified and I think not otherwise reported.

I had what in retrospect I regard as a good initial instinct on this story. Ordinarily I do all my own carding, as I file. It can't be as complete as I'd like and can't include all names, in this case I asked Lil, whose handwriting is legible and who could do it as she sat on the sofa and read the papers, to keep a separate file of all the names mentioned. It is limited to dating the first mention of each name. When she has time she'll make several files of this file, one of a complete set of clips, one of a complete set of memos, etc., and of each a separate file of dupes. Until resolution, we'll have the cards ~~xxx~~ in a separate box. That way we'll be able to know what we have fast enough. If we need anything, we'll have to do much rereading anyway.

The Koza Okamoto story is fascinating in several ways as it reflects the minds. The police mind, regardless of where it is and cultural background, with the possible exception of China, seems to be the same world over. Whether or not in Army uniform, too. Jeopardizing the legality of the evidence for nothing is also typical, for what is disclosed as having been asked under impropriety was already known. I can't understand this kind of wanton murder as a revolutionary technique. Nor can I see how on ever a larger scale it could begin to have the possibility of yielding what is expected of it. These, to me, are not revolutionaries but sick people. It amounts to little more than pointless, depersonalized assassination.

The Jackson review of Bob Brown's latest contribution to pointless killing and maiming from the Quill is interesting in disclosing still again that the right has free access to classified information on such subjects. I got two from inside the Minutemen. This is missing from other mentions I have.

Jean-Francoise Revel's 5/5/72 from the NYT put it all together very well and in advance. It says what I think and thought. I'll send this to Howard, who plans now a major in history, so he can see how a good analytical mind can work in his chosen field. If any native pundit ever put it together, I am unaware. Not even after the facts.

In case you missed in in the printed press or the printed press itself missed it, there was, to me, on TV live last night an interesting sidelight that limns the kind of thing, seemingly small thing, that distinguishes the experienced, professional politician. McG said O'B would be officed with Gary Hart. O'B immediately and politely told him he had made his own arrangements and would announce his own office and staff within 48 hours. Now there are those who may interpret this as further evidence of sell-out. I think it is essential. Two such dissimilar men who will be dealing with people who dislike each other ought never be quartered together. They'd be at cross purposes, stifling anger and disagreement of worse, letting it out, and they'd neither be able to work freely or well. The amateurism is abig liability. I think being in a position to overcome part of it is worth whatever risk.

Best,

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