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6/6/72 Je, in going over the graft-case clips I found the 7/11/71 Bob Considine column. It is a classic. I misfiled it there. Some day I hope to be able to use it. I'd forgotten it. There is no sing accuracy in it, and to do an entire column without tainting it with a single fact, especially when all the facts are both simple and readily-available - in his case general knowledge - requires a unique genius. Nothing approximating it comes to mind with the possible exception of two of Merriman Smith's: the one that got him the Pulitzer and the commemorative of 1966. If you have forgotten, he looked back from under the "triple and saw the President slink down in the seat...The cost of fame and wealth ~~are~~ is great, exceeding their value! (And the Pulitzer comes from violating pool obligations and unrotting the only phone!) Some years ago I used to mount all clips. I stopped because of time. Jim is so fortunat you manage to find the time. The difference between using my own clips and your copie is, indeed, much time and convenience. Again thanks, HW

It is a pleasant surprise to find how many publishers and others still remember me after all these years for WW, some for other books. One wholesaler introduced me to everyone he saw each time we were near. One p.r. man who has switched retains interest he had in my work 1966, says he is coming her to see if he can cook up any deals on unprinted stuff, esp. vs FBI. He remembers that when he was with Viking and I had only ~~SM~~ Sylvia Meagher's word on how great it was that I helped him promo my competition, did for him at Archives what lazy Epstein wouldn't. If I don't hope, I do like. H