

3/11*I'm weary from what has become a bit too much work at one time yesterday p.m., liberating trees from old and ~~the~~ dense honeysuckle, too late for some of the trees, and I suppose a bit emotionally, so I'm not certain if some of the enclosed clips, like that on the Irving case, is of any interest to you. There is no rush on returning the McGraw-Hill clip, which interests me, aside from commentary, because of the rest of my files, because of my own early dealings with them. There are a few comments in today's Karnow story that may interest you, and one opinion in particular..The DC weekend talk-show listings again have not one on China. I have been filling you in on this because from the first it has been so exceptional. They usually go for what is hot in the news..I don't think the Post is about to go in for activist journalism but they are making more of the pretense, partly, I suppose, because of compulsion to make themselves seem honest to themselves, partly because the Star is beginning to act a bit more competitively. It has been so long since I've seen it I can't be sure, but there seems to have been a change in format, rather there has been, and it may be recent..Nothing else really new except what you can glean from some of the letters, reflecting my present conviction that my initial suspicion about what Ned was capable of were well-founded. I haven't yet

decided whether to make an effort to block this off if I do, how to go about it. I plan to take the honeysuckle out of a few tall pines in a different part of the place in a short while and will think it over then. But this kind of problem may explain why I feel the lack of mature, experienced people of my age with whom I can confer on such problems and decisions. The only one of the "critics" with whom I might on other aspects is too hung up in her own brilliance, which is real, and her hangups, which are several, and a concept misidentifiable in her mind and by her to others as a "purist" approach. From the moment she learned of my opposition to Wecht's seeking access she has detached herself to the point where when she knew I was doing something about Lattimer she didn't send me what she had in her files that was both relevant and valuable. She gave it to another who then copied and gave to me, but by that time any use I could make except in writing had passed. This is part of what I referred to as a kind of loneliness. Of being alone, it is not good to have to depend upon one's own unchecked judgments in such matters, especially when there is time pressure. H