

11/16/72 Confession of a goof and a thanks. Lil and I both goofed this a.m. Jane (Mrs. Senator) Hart was on talking about prisoners and we BOTH didn't tape! She was on the CBS-TV net news, but I was only subliminally aware of it, realizing it almost two hours later, when I returned from my morning walk to see her also on NBC's Today's last segment. I started taping immediately but there was nothing in the last five minutes to make sending the tape worthwhile. I had been up and working. I turned the TV on automatically at 7 a.m. when I awakened Lil and went back to the letter I was writing Hooker, carbon of which I've mailed you. I'd heard some mention of home movies but didn't think because I'd intended finishing that graph and taking in the news. But I decided instead to finish the letter and caught only the last few minutes of the news. Lil's arthritis/bursitis has been troubling her more than usual, and it tends to make her not think. She was unhappy when I turned the Craig on because it was not until then that she realized that you might have been interested in what Mrs. Hart had to say. Lil got engrossed in it and it never entered her mind to tape this for you because I am always the one who does the taping, I suppose. One of the things she said that impressed Lil is that she could and did walk unescorted in Hanoi at night, without fear or molestation. I heard her make it clear that she is confident the prisoners were candid with her, not pre-conditioned, etc. She appears to have 1 1/2hrs of taped interviews plus these movies. I'm supposing the movie announcement on CBS related to her because I heard none of the news. In fact, it didn't register on me until now that there is considerably more than the usual helicopter traffic this a.m., and El Lider is on the other side of the mountain. Traffic was negligible yesterday, when Spiro was there, but is heavy today. I skimmed the Post before taking Lil to tax school. There is a wire story on Mrs. H that we'll send, but I think you should be alert to other appearances because she appears to have much, including credibility, and with this heavy TV attention she may well be on lengthy radio interviews. I'll be sure to monitor NPR (Nat. Pub. Radio) tonight...The thanks is for the trouble you took to explain the possibilities of acupuncture with arthritis. I sent a copy to one sister and brother-in-law. Letter from sister this a.m. reports they had been casually interested before and were aware of potential, in general, agree exploration worthwhile for my mother, and raised it with her. It appears that she also had, in fact, been thinking of it. I guess ~~he~~ I read her right. Between two of sister's visits (mom still hospitalized) mom took it up with doctor, who is not unwilling, a rather unusual thing generally, if not today in Wilmington, but encouraged her to go through with what he has planned, including some new consultations. There appear to be neurological involvements plus calcium deposits and bursitis and arthritis at the same joints. A neighbor has begun treatment for something similar. It may or may not influence ultimate decision. They are all aware no guarantees. But they all feel better informed, thanks to you...Lil expects shorter class today, so I'll miss what I think I heard announced on NPR, a noontime interview with Jack Nelson on his (anti)FBI book. I may hear some of it going for her and coming back and, if necessary, waiting. My old car radio has FM but it is poor, from age and use and from what today would be primitive design. It is one of first am/fm car radios. I must get to see Nelson some day. He is now in LATimes DC bureau...I'm keeping Post's reporting FBI/Gray/Hijacking stories, if you want. The pilots really teed off on him. My own view is that it was Der Fuehrer's (aka El Lider) decision and that Gray is getting himself in more solid by taking responsibility. CBS and NBC net news have been rough on this, that is, playing it straight, not pulling in...I'll probably send you a "women's" journal I picked up in Wash Monday, Off Our Backs. I skimmed it last night and got the feeling these

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are deeply unhappy people as people rather than as women. The complaints are legitimate, the expression depressed me a bit. Perhaps it is the chauvenist in me. I hope so. I had told a friend I was going to the Institute for Policy Studies to see if Barnett or Raskin was in. I had a half-hour to kill before another appointment. He was reminded of the mag and told me the office was next to his. I dropped in and they were depressing to look at, two, at least the two young and deliberately-unattractive women who were in... Barnett says he and Stavins are coming up this weekend, but has said it often before without doing it. They are suddenly seeing the relevance of my work over the years to repressions... In some respects I believe the OOB piece on IPS is prejudiced, esp. about Raskin, about whose personal life I know something. I have the same feeling about the comment on Tina Smith, who I know slightly and who has done me a few favors in the past. Best, H