

10/6/72 Today's Post has what seems to be about two pages on the WG, including a long LATimes Baldwin/Nelson piece. It is too much to copy, too much for you not to have, I've called the local wholesaler who is keeping a copy. I think I'll send the while paper to you, which will give you an idea of what it now is. You be able to find all the relevant stories from the first page, where three start. I am rather pleased in a way, for while there are minor detail errors in what I've figured out from the very beginning, in essence I am right on all, and it makes me feel rather good to have been able to dope out that such steps were taken to obfuscate. For example, I was wrong on Caddy having one of the walkie-talkies in his paratment, but right in the essence, that he knew right away, that the Barker story was fiction (his name is not mentioned but there can be no doubt-Hunt called the lawyer from Baldwin's room at the Howard Johnson -and he knew what to expect). The extra RNC walkie-talkie was not with Caddy but with Baldwin. So far as the outdate crap, I was on that one. This stuff was more sophisticated than even I had expected. The \$3,500 receiver was said by McCord to be worth \$15,000. On the need for power because of the steel, construction, etc., they had to move Baldwin's room because of this problem and the places in which they were interested were on the river side, as I'd theorized without then knowing their location in the WG. Didn't get a chance to look at the paper until afternoon or I'd have the extra one ready to mail tomorrow. We didn't get back from court until 1:30. There is interesting stuff on the money, too. Had a flattering experience at the courthouse that may lead to some good stories for the Post. A deputy sheriff came up to me and told me he knew me. His face reminded me of a family near our farm, but not that. He properly identified me by name and they said he'd heard me make a speech when he was a student 10 years ago (such is youth; it was only 7). At this point his wife happened to come in. He introduced me by name and she immediately identified me by my first book. Pretty flattering to an aging man! Especially when you consider that I spoke at that college twice, once in competition with an All-Star Baseball game and the second in worse competition, against an interfraternity council seminar on sex. (You know, I've never had a cop tell me my work was wrong, not even in Dallas.) He told me of evil things in that county seat, said I should write a book about them, and while I didn't then have time to find out what they are or even if they are, I asked if he'd speak to a reporter and he said he would. ...I'm also getting a late education in modern prosecution tactics as they relate to non-political crime and it is outrageous. Three men were served in or outside the courtroom today, having been indicted by a grand jury for a crime in which they to the certain knowledge of the prosecutor could not have been part. One, in fact, was then in custody. They already have none counts against them for a single minor crime. ONE. And the "mastermind" of it, the only one picked up at the scene by the police, was turned loose by them, is out of the jurisdiction, and the others were all arrested. Aka "Justice". H

Got the 10/6 Post and will send. I saw the Phila. Enq when I did. Accross the entire to of Page 1, all 8 columns, text about 3 " deep, the beginning of the LATimes story, jumped to p. 2. Not entire story. Which makes me wonder the Post used all of it...While driving into town hear the Nat. Pub. Radio DC station's evening newscast. It is a different format, more depth. The had Dudman and Arnett both on the current situation, and Arnett was different than when on NBC, much better. Rather good exposure, including what I hadn't seen, that there is not only no sign of fuel shortage in North but every indication there is none, no effort at conservation, etc. And that bombing can't ruin war stores, which are not warehoused but stacked in the open, unguarded, in miles-long roads thru forests (invisible from air). Arnett said if this happened in South, all would suddenly appear on the black market... Heavy TV emphasis on peace rumors tonight. Makes me think situation VN much worse than reported. Esp. when report from Saigon says over 2,000,000 lbs bombs dropped single day Saigon area, so close shook bldgs. Great way to "save" people!...Could not have taped in car and probably won't get into habit of listening to that NPR newscast right away, but there are times I will. So, when you have time, please let me know if you get it out there...Paranoia dept. Photoshop now can't find Ray case evidence I took for copying. First time ever. Next time I'll make electrostatic copies first so I'll know what is missing, be able to replace. Somebody is going to have to go thru UPI's NYC cellar to replace these...Neither a.m. nor p.m. Balt Sun had p. 1 WG story today. Didn't check inside. There was no Star left when I got to store. NYTimes edition that gets here no p.1 WG. ...NBC net TV p.m. today, 6, mention Sarica's shift only. CBS had O'Brien and Shore interviews including GAO. + Montana sequence on Agnew visit, short notice, state chr calling "instant Angew."