

Re the family gag that got out of hand, we did enjoy it. I suppose reaction to it is what it would have been in years past, but attention exceeds anything formerly possible. The net TV coverage was something! The difference is that it was not hurtful to the family, and the boy, who was interviewed, came across great. Probably a great experience for him, if not his mom... Enclosed copy Ervin today's clip, asking for grand-jury transcripts: I'm shocked. I think the very notion is subversion. And this the respected Constitutionalist! I expect before it is over the other side will make good use of the crazy thing. Ervin can call all those who were before the grand jury and if he feels they swore falsely, he can ask for citations and get prosecution.... Sirica: he looks much less than 69, so I'd assumed he was bucking for a seat on the SC. Too old. But I've no reason to change the rest of the analysis yet... Mailer: all the yield of the dank rocks will now besiege him. If his good idea survives it, that will be a new wonder of the world. He can't know anyone who can be responsible in such matters and has done any work at all. I've asked a friend to see if he can give me an address and if he does, I'll write. I've got the research for a book along the lines he is talking about all done, I, Spy, and I'd turn it over. It would be a popularization of the solid, which I think is the right way to open the subject. It would not be too hard to do a CIA alone sequel, I Spook. I may even have enough for that on hand. With no possibility of doing anything significant about the CIA and FBI and what he doesn't mention, the locals, the one viable approach I think is informing and here books can't be replaced and can lead to collateral attention. But if his is the common dream, to solve the JFK assassination, then he is having a typical nightmare. The strange thing about the few people who show genuine interests is that they are either butts themselves or attract, only nuts and eschew the responsible work which is generally unpublicized... Didn't get Times today, which means didn't all week, and I think it will be impossible most of the tax season now, when there is reason to get it. HW 2/15/73

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Dogett boy-for-sale story got big TV new news play but after 2/7 story, which gives more detail about the best-laid plans of woman and rat going astray. I've skimmed other interesting story, will read and with some comment. Today I got a Publishers' Weekly story on Mailer's fifth estate. Thanks HW 2/14/73