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Film of Mao and Kissinger, a gift from " to K, shown on TV tonight, says more than words. There were two sequences of handshaking, I presume at the beginning and at the end. In each case old Mao was pumping vigorously and long. While for the most part in the sequences shown Mao was of solemn mien, he did laugh and apparently wholeheartedly, like he really enjoyed whatever made him laugh. Chou was in the room, the same in which Mao received Nixon, but off to the side, on a sofa, by himself. Translator(s) not visible in this footage. I guess they are about to make their contribution to our balance-of-payments problem. In Japan K went out of his way to say that he had been ordered to go there by Nixon, a bow to the Japanese and elimination of an earlier gaffe. HW 2/19/73

After the "Ockie" threat I did a hasty piece on the off chance the National Enquirer would go for it. They didn't. Waite had a copy he just returned. If I didn't send you one and you want it, I have no need for this copy. It is the think I sent Ben Bradlee after one of their nuts things on nuts only that led to the 25pp piece by the Potomac Mg Ed, piece not printed, he no longer mg ed. HW 2/19/73  
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Howard has give me 2 20th Century Fund books, both paperback, heavy stock. Classified Files: The Yellowing Pages. A report on scholars' access to government documents. And Press Freedoms Under Pressure. Described as a task-force report on the government and the press. A "background paper" is by Fred ~~Ganz~~ graham, who is also described as the project's rapporteur. In case you want to get or borrow. HW 2/19/73

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Because Stoner's intrusions are far past tolerability and have done new harm, because the lawyers can't do it, and because I really want justification to bow out, I've picked a new fight with Jerry based on vicious, contextless anti-Semitism in Thunderbolt that eliminate the possibility of using him as a witness. He has again said James would sing and name names- and knows them- and he has answered me on this in a way I can't accept. Because it comes to five angry pages I haven't sent but will if you want to take that much time. The odds are overwhelming when I stand against Stoner, but his acts require that serious thought be given to his involvement in the crime itself. He is making defense more difficult if not impossible and times this with the beginning of the first real chance in court. HW 2/21/73