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Larry, Jim White sent this carbon of his impressions of The Plot to Bill the President before my note about your telling me there is, too, a real Jack Pearl. Or, perhaps, as I sometimes do with accumulating envelopes, I put it in the wrong one. Carrying what Jim says about Epstein and Thompson one step further, Epstein was soon enough being escorted by FBI agents and in his anti-black work had DJ help and Mitchell's free advertising. Thompson assailed all the critics, from most of whom he stole, pretending to be the only scholar. Had he made a different recommendation to the publisher for whom he read a ms by a very fine very bright 19-year-old, that book would have been published a year ago. All such books, whether or not so intended, serve to diminish interest in the subject and any credibility. If you have no use for the carbon, don't throw it away. It can serve as a reminder to me in my Romero file. Jim forgot to mention Farewell America, which typifies another category, putright fakes. Others besides Romeros are kicking around. HW 2/26/73 cc JDW

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Post uses small AP story on current TIME's disclosure of FBU tapping for Nixon with neither asking the obvious question, what does this leave of the Hunt/Liddy cover, that they were doing this leaks checking for GL? I can say the word is out that Colson will be made the WG goat now that he is out. Only if he is willing to take it, and it can now be a perjury rap. Or, disbarment. Greater love hath... I'll copy and send TIME piece when it comes. HW 2/26/73

The timing of your notes on KT's testimony and Liebeler's version of it coincides with this newest Dione business and her inferences. Let me note what did not occur to me in writing of her earlier today, that everyone I met who knew Kerry, she knew. One possible exception, Clint Bolton. No reason to believe she knew KT. She never said. I heard of nobody in N.O. except two who had left and were much older she did not refer to. Another exception, McAuliffe. In short, as of the time I was in N.O., she knew everyone there who I knew knew KT except Bolton. McA saw him but once when asked by his sec. to read some of KT's swill. McA writes poetry. Dione was the girl friend of Bernie Goldsmith, another KY friend, for about two months after I first met her. Doesn't all of this rather stretch things a bit too much to consider only coincidence. She reacted rather more than she did to other pix when I showed her some of him. She made no mis-identifications. HW 2/26/73

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If the not over-advertised STM had been functioning any better the a.m. of 2/22 there would have been still another proof that mine isn't, for I recalled no such justification for Liebeler's interjection. However, there was extensive editing by KT of his testimony and of Jenner's q's. Lil and I started a word-for-word check. Schoener took it over, I got type-script, and he says it is lost. In addition, there was much palaver with KT, so the testimony may not be the only version. Thanks for returning the extra copy. Maybe I intended the second for HR, but he got the note and will know if I did and forget it. ...Also note what this says of Thornley, that LHO was an Orwellian Communist? KT is and was nuts, but not that nuts. Esp. when he said that LHO broke off after he red-baited LHO. A red LHO would have had nothing to do with KT in any of his political colors, all black or brown. HW 2/26/73