

JAN 16 1973

JW:WG This color to attract your attention fast. The first five days of each week I'll be going to the Post Office, which is but a block from our local news dealer. Today he had the NYTimes and I got it. Also the Balt Sun and the extra Post for you. AP's story, as in the Phila. Inquirer and the Pgh Post-Gazette very short so I didn't get. My point is that the Times should have long stories, meaning much too much trouble for either of you to take the time to copy if I have or can get. I let you know the ones I got when HR was here, although he had said easier to copy than keep records. Now I think it will be different. So, when I'm mailing about daily, I'll include a little slip each time saying what I have gotten. If you've an extra hook, maybe it will save some time and trouble. Ian may have the Sunday and yesterday Times. I'll probably be talking to him and can get if he does. If you want any to replace what does not arrive, I'll be able to supply.

Read your 1/12 note on Hunt's interview as I walked to newsstand. Will now read the transcript and will then respond before getting to today's papers and other needs because as you will know by now we both spotted the same thing independently and alone and I am fascinated by one possible interpretation, yours, not mine.

Opening [redacted] graph KPFA 1/11/73 Watergate: you should know now from Post story sent. If you know anything about that LA lawyer, interested. Maybe he is a launderer? ~~THE~~ Hunt did go to California but he and the lawyer went to Mexico. The judge is funny on this.

Bail: I was right. He does NOT have the insurance money or it is impounded and he can't use or a special deal was made to save him the \$10,000 premium. Do you know the "substantial difference" with a surety bond? I seem also to have been right about her having more than one policy: "the assignment of the proceeds of my late wife's insurance policies."

The longest excerpt I saw or heard was to but not including this bail question.

This amounts to no more in other areas than he entered the plea of guilty because he was guilty on all (too few!) counts, no more. Except, of course, exculpation of WH. The pay off, I'd say.

To Pink, 1st add: Forgot your note 1/12. I interpreted the hesitation and shift from JAN 16 1973 "unexpected" to "tragic", edited out by the Post, as an indication all was not the best in their relations. Yours is a more provocative suggestion, and I think it might be good for our STM's to devote some thought to this because if your's is like mine, she'll think of devious things you might not (if you are as innocent as I!): "...he was intent on pointing out the unexpectedness of his wife's death, then had second thoughts and decided to make it tragic too." One possible inference is that he was anxious to emphasize that the death was unexpected, i.e., completely accidental. Another is that it was other than tragic, i.e., she was more than a hausfrau, his loyal, trusted and able collaborator and important in his great, patriotic labor. Etc. I don't think any one eliminates the other, but I think that if he had been languishing and losing all that weight, the least expectable description of what to most men would be an unimaginable disaster beyond remedy is "unexpected".

Your concluding graph, on the New Hunt, squares with what I've sent you. Reborn. Batteries all recharged now. Smiles. The Post has been reprinting The Smiler (credit to Gerold Frank), often. Date of rejuvenation: copping plea. How many men are elated at the prospect of 55 years in jail, i.e., more than they can expect to live?

Kudos to Pacifica reporting: they aired what I didn't get from all the papers, two TV net news organizations, CBA radio news, three all-news radio stations. HW 1/16/73