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New York Times: The second Hersch story, attached, is the only Watergate material they have carried which we're sure you don't have thus far.

We'll assume you are picking it up Monday through Friday until you advise differently or advise any issues you miss, so we can cover you.

Sorry you went to all that trouble to copy the first Hersch story. It seemed to me to be a roundup he had done on the basis of work by several different correspondents at various places. We made a special, exceptional trip into San Francisco to get it, a Sunday edition, after we heard this yarn had been carried.

Now that our GL has kindly arranged peace in our time, I hope that aside from Watergate developments you can ease off on buying the extra copies of the Washington Post for our benefit. It's too expensive, including the postage, except for the most vital developments, and we're buried in clippings -- far more than we can keep up with and do anything else.

There seems little chance the peace will work, but from now on I should think we can get along in most cases on less volume, partly because there is very little chance of the real truth getting into print anyway. We are still interested in major, vital developments, but otherwise this is becoming too much of a burden on you, and even on us in the particular sense that the time factor plays a very disconcerting role in handling so much stuff. What you have sent has been extremely useful on the peace caper, and we're properly grateful, don't make any mistake about that. But the time may have come to try to cut down and try to streamline this particular phase of our operation. We have the basic material on how a phoney peace was brought about. How it breaks down is another story which we'll try to get in less strenuous and demanding ways.

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