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Dear Jim,

Your letter of the 4th and note of the 3rd came today. Thanks for them and the clips. It is something when Anything having to do with Garrison gets so inconspicuous a play. ~~in WxPost~~ I have felt for some time that some kind of settlement is on the works, in part because of the lack of reaction to some steps I took.

Have extra McCord transcript from CBS if you'd like. I hit another bad cassette in taping. I'm getting all cheapies locally, where I can return.)

I'll be sending more but now, because I'm tired and about to retire, I report that Bantam is not publishing Romero. Cut another notch for the guys in white hats! Heard today.

Bank records: thanks for extra info. If WxPost carried second story, I didn't see, I rush more and miss more than Lil does. My brief note explained inadequately that because I plan to treat GL's great works and success to which he longs to return I occasionally look at the business section for evidences his spectacular successes. Like lettuce more than \$1.00 lb wholesale, prices climbing at annual rate 25%.

Partin: I know nothing about the attorney or the statement except that Bill Loeb sent it to me and I believed it was arranged by his investigative reporter, Arthur Egan. Hoffa's people could have and given it to Loeb. I know Egan did a similar story at about the same time. I have it. I gave this to WxPost and asked Paul to make an extra copy in return, thinking you would want it. They have done nothing, but there were interested enough ~~in~~ in having it to get him start his day's work so early that he got here and returned before it began, with a 9:30 a.m. court session. He merely acted as messenger for the national desk. I told Finley about it. And Lobe did print the Egan story. So, it is anything but a secret.

Glad the time was no big deal. I have done the experimenting with it and have it set so that if I want it to tape a 10 a.m. session I merely plug it in at 7:45 and leave the recorder ready.

Caught all the hearings except a little of the beginning of Sloan yesterday. Taped none. Kept taping Tuesday and taped over for there was no reason to keep, for me. So I haven't taped since. These are not the witnesses I'll want verbatim. Can't use, store or remember all.

I was caught up ~~in~~ except for a couple of TIMES, but in writing and listening, I'm a bit behind again. Started little after 4 this a.m.

Guess the re-interpreted STM is something we all fit, I regret I more than the two of you. Increasingly I forget more, one of the reasons for writing snatches when I think of something and it is fresh in mind. Then I can afford to forget.

I don't know if I will need the Alch second day. I may, depending on developments and on Bud, who never does the right thing and is antagonized by work. If you are going to reuse that reel, I'd appreciate a dub on cassette. Henceforth when I tape a witness each will begin a fresh cassette so storage and reuse are simplified. I feel there may be some clues to what he is up to in spite of Alchself. I believe McCord on this, by the way. I'm also interested in the clear abdication of the committee on this.

On those cassettes of mine you have, no rush on any.

I have an interesting (and incomplete ChiTrib 6/3 story on Cox's man Neal, part of the Partin rig in DJ years ago, one of Partin's lawyers now. Small world! If I forget, remind if you want. I'm letting the copying stack up.

Skolnick has a dial recording. He is now including Boggs in the WG coverup, and in this case I can guess why. Confusion with Long, who also doesn't belong in it. Boggs was no enemy oil and gas interests.

I have a notion the memos on Nixon's gestapo were Nixon leaked to NY Times for a combination of reasons because it would come out anyway. This way it downplayed what was more serious for Nixon than average Ervin testimony. They had breaking page-1 stories to coincide with a.m.s and p.m.s. for all of Sloan and Porter, all that need not have been released at this moment. If you read the Haig fine print, my hunch is right. He loses nothing, can resume military career whenever wanted.

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