

Dear Harold:

Odds and ends time.

About Alch's opening, prepared statement, let us know if HR doesn't provide. Times ran it, apparently in its entirety, using up a half-column and then a jump to a full page of continuation. Glad to copy.

We've not seen the Nixon quote about having improved Franco-American relations over those of the Democratic predecessors. NYTimes for 2June73 is in and doesn't have. Will watch.

McCord's petition for new trial was just announced today. ~~Will~~ We'll watch for any unusual treatment in the Chron and later in the Times.

Finally found, and enclose herewith, the Examiner clip on the 1962 Nixon election campaign fraud in California. Date, 29April 73. I must have copied the 17May73 date from an entirely different clipping. Sorry, and hope this fixes you up.

Like to refer you to Art Buchwald's column of 31 May 73, "Was Josephine the Plumber?" An ex cruciating spoof, this nevertheless conveys a message of profound importance, delineating as it does how a vast proportion of the hoi polloi, preoccupied with making a living and incessantly deluded by TV junk, including soap operas, inevitably winds up thinking largely in soap opera terms. Ridiculous as this is, it nevertheless is unfortunately true that no great change in the popular mind in this country can take place until this mentality is penetrated and swayed.

If we, devoting ourselves more or less full time to trying to keep up with and understand the complex currents that make up the whole Watergate scandal, still have trouble absorbing it, it is natural that people with much less time to devote to it fall back upon cliches and other standardized images they get from the media in their efforts to put any aspect of it into words. This, if not an irresistible force, is at least an immovable object. These people will fight to the death rather than open their minds to anything else than these threadbare patterns into which most of them have spent a lifetime fitting nearly everything they have experienced. They don't WANT to think in any different terms. If you've thrown this away, we can copy.

About Colson's statement that "I'd walk over my grandmother if it would lead to the re-election of the president," I can't find the first reference, but a NYTimes story on 11May73 refers to it and says he said it sometime in late August last year.

I sent Hal /a note conveying your inquiry about the Cubans. He says he's going to have a talk with one man, not a Cuban, who may know something about the individuals you asked about. Meanwhile, he thinks Angel Ferrer was discussed in CD295, something to do with Mrs. Odio. He says his copy is buried in a friend's basement and he has no immediate prospect of having to get into those files, assuming he could find it if he did. I'll let you know if he comes up with anything further.

End odds and ends. We assume that the situation there is much like it is here: the fact that the Ervin Committee holds hearing only three days a week is the only thing that prevents life from being one continuous emergency.

Best,


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