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Returning the Post piece as per your request, after pasting up and copying. Sending also the Times' Sterba, a remarkably informative piece which should be of interest.

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We have several clippings on "fake, scare shrinkery," and if you want them I can dig but it'll take time. Stuff about the probability that the POWs will be afraid of daylight, etc. Unbelievable. The latest clipping and easiest to lay my hands on is a tame sample, a story by Charles Howe in SFChronicle 31 Jan 73. Howehad phone intv with Dr. Julius Segal, a psychologist, about an article by Segal scheduled for publication in February issue of Military Medicine. Howe: "Years of living in an alien environment will have deeply changed some of themen. These tendencies may even include a tendency to eat at first only with a spoon, prison-fashion. In other cases some may be more comfortable squatting rather than sitting. A few initially may prefer sleeping on the floor. [Then a quote from Segal's article.] 'It is a fair assumption that some brief period will be necessary to allow the POW to begin relearning basic social skills, to adapt to a society in which he has become unaccustomed - even where rudimentary activities as eating and sleeping are concerned.'" Segal is chief of the Program and Evaluations Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda. He suggests military "halfway houses" for some POWs to help them adjust to civilized living.

In addition to the interview, Howe apparently based his article on an advance text of Segal's "study," which would have appeared about the time we were all seeing pictures

of POWs sitting (in chairs!), and eating, perfectly normally. Perhaps Segal was too busy thinking (rhymes with Finck-ing) and writing to have seen news photos published some time ago of beds in the POW quarters.

You didn't ask for the Sterba piece but we're sending it because it's such a good one.

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