

Didn't realize what I should have realized in talking to an English reporter today about the Gray release of his FBI WG stuff. I was explaining how the FBI always refused to identify its course and that it had the sanction of law and regulation in this. What I didn't ask myself is why this exceptional deviation. What could possibly prompt Gray to make public what could identify FBI sources. One of the more obvious reasons is that he realizes his nomination is in trouble, maybe very deep trouble. Without much thought, I believe nothing else could prompt this. He did not give a paraphrase, from what has been reported. At this juncture it may mean more to Gray not to suffer the indignity of not being confirmed than not to be confirmed. In what he has done he has pulled the plug on the White House. Next question: With or without WH sanction? He fingered Dean. Question: Is Dean to go? He did not finger the Nazi-minded of German origin, Ehrlichman, Haldeman, etc. Still another question: Does the WH anticipate more trouble, more serious trouble than the Gray confirmation? This is growing into a very interesting situation. Wish I could get into it more. HE 3/6/73

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HR, Js- yesterday's Post had a page and a half on the Mardi Gras, it's history, racial and social attitudes, changes in the carnival, etc. In a way it says much about the city and what is possible there in elaborating on the attitudes involved. It is much copying so I'm not sending to either. But, if either would like to read it, I'll be keeping it in a N.O. file. You have possibly noted that Bob Hope is "king" of a "krewe". This is the newfangled addition of Restaurateur Brennan, a "krewe" for tourists. Oldfogies and traditionalists want the tourists to stay home, but money pulls hard. HR: "krewe" is from Milton, believe it or not! HW 3/6/73

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Jack Anderson's today's column on Fletcher Prouty's coming anti-CIA book reports CIA effort to get galleys through the Sidney Kramer book store. Funny thing is that the late Sidney was in OSS. For a while he shared an office with me and a couple of others, his desk next to mine. He was an authentic expert on books and was used in the role. Nice kind of scholarly stuffed liberal shirt. Stupid of CIA to use them. But maybe they have learned that others would behave the same. I knew when they got my books from a Georgetown book store. The owner told me-- and reordered. Saville's. Prouty was assigned to the White House for a while. HW 3/6/73

If they really want them, they must

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