

Clipped today's WG story in such haste, to be able to mail to you earlier, I didn't check p. 2. There is a long by-liner by George Lardner on Raoul Berger et c's ² position on executive privilege ^{MAR 6 1973} which backed up on the clipped story. I have copied its ex. priv. interests ^{MAR 6 1973} you. A little more than 1/2 page. Turns out that GL always lies, and that George Washington didn't do any of the things GL said he did. Rather he did the predictable opposite. Two days ago, belatedly, I started an ex. priv. file so retrieval easy. ^{HW 3/25/73}

Found the NYT 3/7/73 piece on the underground press interesting and a little encouraging. My experiences with the few with which I had dealings, including liberation, were disappointing and depressing. They were paranoid and went for the paranoid only. Some did some fine work, as Bob Head of Nola Express ^{ONC} the owners and rulers of New Orleans. I noted the marked places, as I have the UPS address. AFS uses reporters for the straight press, judging from pieces that have been sent me. I can trace them... Some guildsmen are holding a counter-convention in DC to coincide with that of the editors. Larry is attending. It is in early April, over a weekend. It is probably from these ~~xxx~~ reporters that AFS gets pieces.... I'm glad to note the changes and that it has reached the stage of influence enticing Times treatment. Thanks. ^{HW 3/25/73}

Esquire (April)

Do you want?

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X I have the ~~Hinkle~~ ^{Ramparts} piece on Farewell America, The Mystery of the Black Books. After reading 2 1/2 of the 7 pages I laid it aside, took some Maalox, and wondered if there is any mystery other than about Hinkle and Turner. This is a remarkable if unintended self-condemnation, for much more than the gorsest and most infantile incompetence. It also lacks honesty and unless it comes in later, is deliberately incomplete about "Rose" and Nagell, another of the great diversions of Garrison's interest and drain on his finances. Also, like "Rose", also CIA. How Hinkle (and Turner) could avoid in that long list of aliases E. Carl McNabb, Rose's name when he was working with Nagell, I leave to you to ponder. You might also ask yourself if you read this how a Ramparts, a Turner and a Hinkle could let all this rest on an unchecked and uncheckable CIA man and can still print his unsupported word as gospel. Even fail to report how "Rose" got to them. It was that way. They did not find him. ^{HW 3/26/73}

X On hunting Hunt The Hunter: Jim Lesar played a hunch that paid off. He wrote to Firing Line and bought their tape of the Hunt show. He played it today and phoned me to play ^{MAR 2 1973} it to me. The Firing Line \$5.00 cassette gives good money's worth. Hunt's first recommendation of the four he said he made: "I recommended that Castro be assassinated". What ^{MAR 26 1973} follows is to coincide with the invasion. Nixon sure knows how to pick good, solid, dependable help though his good, solid dependable counsellors, like Colson.... I'm Ian's guest at the Press Club luncheon at which Colson is to speak, had in mind a simple question, will add a clause, and will have Jim's tape to play if the question is doubted. Assuming it is asked. It will be submitted! If there is any question about the authenticity of the tape, it is properly labelled by Firing Line. ^{HW 3/25/73}

X With too many other things on my mind I forgot the Saturday papers the newsstand was (and is) holding for me. I'll pick up in a.m., clip and send. Between a phone call from Ian telling ^{MAR 26 1973} that Bud is McCord's lawyer and the Esquire ~~Hinckling~~ I spent most of the ~~day~~ ^{PM} outside, sawing wood. Don't buy the Esquire if you do not have it. I'll send you a copy. Analysis not that urgent. Some of my opinions are formed, some I consider now possible are hard to believe and hard to avoid. I would like to know all you know about Hinkle, but not in any rush... Of the ways that occurred to me (while talking to Ian) that Bud could have become McCord's lawyer, I consider any possible and reasonable: Sirica appointed him, having learned from the appeals decision and our briefs; personal friendship with committee Senators, perhaps Dash (but was a committee counsel); having been on at least one case with Bailey. My concerns, as long as it does not require courtroom representation, are inability to handle built-in conflicts and CIA paranoia; and inability not to blab. STM East concurs, esp. latter. (I just realized this a.m. that all tax season she has favored the scarf she sent her yr. ago for Amas, to an unfeminine degree. ^{HW 3/26/73, late p.m.}