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sorry if I didn't think to tell you the obvious: I will send you Hunt's missing Buckley words. Jim was going to write for more copies. If he hasn't, I'll tell him not to and dub off that graf only. It is actually a few words that we are interested in. What I left at NBC is a poor air tub, not by patchcord. You can make it out o.k. but the SECA tape has to be much better.

Did I ask you if you want a tape of Mary K with Barbara Walters, NBC's Today Show? I'm cleaning a bit I found it and I think I made it for you in case you want. Don't remember it clearly.

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Lesar told me this a.m. that Hersch seemed out to get Bud from the first. He spent much time with Bob Smith Tuesday. I don't have the Wednesday story. Bob's impression is not sensible, that the Times was upset because Bud, a Democrat, was representing McCord, a GOP. I have made earlier comment on the Bailey firm and its former clients and their hidden interests. There appear to be more of which I do not yet know. Jim also doesn't. He spoke to Bud briefly by phone last night.

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Howard, you need no exposition on my experiences with Bud, his and my attitudes toward each other, my feeling about his abortion and its still-born heads, etc. However, none of this is in any way relevant to the current attacks on him that, to its credit, have been totally ignored by the Post. There is a vicious AP B-wire story today, I presume a longer one on the main or A wire. Your local papers may also have stories. I haven't seen that of the Times, the friend who'd saved it for me having mislaid it. Please watch for these carefully and, even if you are real busy, mail promptly. I believe the criticism is contrived and that the credibility of McCord's disclosures is the real target. I believe everything I have seen leaked. If I do not know who leaked, I'm sure Bud didn't (one of the real reasons for the Times' attitude, as I've known for about a week-prior to their story) and my prime candidate for the past few days has been Weicher. Not a complaint. A need today and certainly less than the consistent record of GL and the rest of his side. You should also know that where Bud is an expert is with Congressional and Congressional committees. He is disliked for a good job he did exposing tapping and bugging with one, that from which the FOI law also came. We have stayed away from each other on this. I intend to. I've sent him an offer of help. If I am correct in my analysis, I can help. Not with attacks on him, though. So, please be alert, thoughtful and as prompt as possible. Ditto with local-paper McCord and Watergate stories, if you can. Thanks. HW 3/31/73

When Bob Smith phoned to say he can't make it this p.m., he told me tomorrow's Star-News is to have another attack on Bud and that today's or tomorrow's Times is to have a major WG story. He is pledged to secrecy until appearance, but it is to involve Panama. If in today's, I'm sure Lesar will return my copy. If tomorrow's Smith is to bring. Ditto for Star, so I can provide. L agrees and is inclined to agree with my analysis that the attack on Bud is really aimed at McCord's credibility. I would be inclined to believe the inherent threat in Bud's words (NYT 3/28) about where McCord has friends: old-fashioned, non-Nixonian GOPs, I'd guess. To say nothing of spooks, who want to be included out very much. Even Ray questions his survival prospects, rating them lower once he gets into a jail! But of me he has pretended to be unafraid. Our code in the letters: Sould on Ice. HW 3/31/73

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HW got the NYTimes 4/2/73.
The Post of 4/2/72 has the Helen Thomas story on Matha's latest charges at the end of a long story on Weicher on CBS. The main story says that there was new information attributed to Baldwin. In that case my memo erred in that. HW 4/2/73

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