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Dear Harold:

Not much to send you today, in contrast with the vast mailings you've been sending here. Yesterday your 16 arrived with four days of the Washington Post, which took me most of the afternoon and evening to process while trying to listen to the GL give his 1973 Checkers speech.

Most of what the locals are carrying comes either from the NY Times or the Washington Post, or is not worth sending. We cull what can and send anything that looks remotely like the Post might not have bothered with it for one reason or another.

In your 16, 8th graf comes: "Your gotten misc. refs. to R's marriages. Possibility of intervening one for him, if slight, remains in our checking, I think. Discount, tho." You are referring to what I had said about Rebozo's two marriages to Clara Gunn, the last time being in 1946 (see CX Sun-Times, Oct. 7, 1971). I agree on the possibility of an intervening marriage to the hypothetical sister of Bernard Barker, but since you can't recall where you heard about that I have to regard her as hypothetical. We have not been able to find any reference to her in Sundance. I suggest another possibility, stemming from an AP story in the SF Examiner for 21 April 73 (sent to you recently) which is dated Miami and begins: "Clara Barker, wife of Bernard Barker, one of the four Miami men convicted in the Watergate break-in, says her husband's motive was patriotism, not money." Dot dot dot.

The coincidence of the name Clara Gunn and Ms. Clara Barker suggests two interesting possibilities: 1, as you suggest, Rebozo did have an intervening marriage ~~xxx~~ between his two ~~hitches~~ with the former Miss Gunn, to a Clara Somebody who later married Bernard Barker after divorcing Rebozo (got to keep this all legal, you know). However, if this had happened, no such divorce is mentioned in the Sun-times story on Rebozo, only the annulment and later the divorce from Clara Gunn. 2, What seems more likely, that Bernard Barker may have married a Rebozo sister, and that her name is Clara. Note El Bosom is one of nine children, which increases the odds considerably that among that brood there could have been a Clara. This also could facilitate a simple error somewhere along the line that led to the report you once attributed to Sundance, that Rebozo was married to Barker's Sister, a not improbable mixup in writing about a situation that may have been just the other way round -- Barker married to Rebozo's sister.

Back to GL's speech. It's not going to satisfy anyone but the most simpleminded. He has kept an option to rehire Haldeman and Ehrlichman as soon as it's politic and has declared war on Dean-Mitchell and, through the material sent to Judge Byrne at the Pentagon Papers trial, on Hunt and Liddy. In my opinion he should be deathly afraid of Hunt, and I believe he is, hence the propaganda barrage pegging Liddy as the boss. I can't see Hunt taking this quietly, and suspect GL has some surprises, and very unpleasant ones, ahead of him. If Hunt's connections with GL go back as far as they theoretically could, our GL had better watch his step.

On page 2 of your 16 you mention someone named Drury. Can't recall him. Perhaps I've forgotten, but the name rings no bell here. In any case I agree that the Hunt-Segretti side of the question is loaded with dynamite and that it is no accident that no leaks of Segretti's grand jury testimony have occurred. As you say, the leaks are self-serving, and Silbert practically admitted in that UPI copy I returned to you yesterday that he was doing it.

Best, jdw