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Dear Harold:

This will necessarily be disjointed, being an attempt to clean up various odds and ends occasioned by your mailing of 24May. I'll answer specific points as I come to them.

Do NOT try to cover us further from the Washington Post, including that for Sunday, May 20. Our subscription supposedly begins with the issue of the 22nd, and you've already supplied clips through the ~~21st~~. If we missed something from the issue of the 20th, well, we missed it and t'hell wit' it. In a note dated 21May you mention those of GL's henchmen who had sworn to cut off their hands and trample their grandmothers if necessary. There's a fine quote along this line from Egil Krogh in a WXPost clipping of 11May to the effect: "Anyone who opposes us, we'll destroy. As a matter of fact, anyone who doesn't support us we'll destroy." Clip is headed: Krogh's 1969 Vow: 'Destroy' Nixon Foes.'

Re the Checkers speech: our files on him don't go back that far. I'm trying to raise someone at KPFA to see if they can steer us to a recording of it. As for the before and after stories, our only suggestion is some library with microfilms of the NY Times for 1952. As for the speech itself, if we can locate a recording, will try to arrange to tape it for ~~swkx~~ you. We'd like a copy ourselves.

Re covering you on NY Times: our understading is that you have clips from Howard through 11May. Please confirm or correct, and we'll run a check and copy anything you might have missed and would need.

Itemization of the uncharged crimes: See WXPost for Sunday, May 6. "Herewith, The Possible Watergate Crimes," by Rufus King. Occupies the bottom half of a page, with editorials appearing on the back. So presumably should be the first page of the editorial section.

We have Barker's testimony on tape. Can dub on a cassette if you need, and will hold until we hear.

Comment on Madison Avenue West, see my letter .of Jan 7, page 3~~rd~~ for one entry. Can't remember any earlier.

Re your letter of 20May to Dick about your book, thanks for the selling job but don't in your unfettered admiration, blow us up too high. My actual experience is confined to China, Washington and San Francisco; with very brief visits to Japan. It is true that our repatriation ship touched at Lourenço Marques in Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique) and at Rio de Janiero in 1942, but that really can't be figured as "reporting all around the world."

We have a timer which we're sending you for your Wollensack. The deal is that we thought our timer was conked out. It developed clicks and rattles and finally stopped (it had been left turned on for a year or so). In any case, we picked up a cheap substitute at Radio Shack which appears functionally identical with ours. We got it home and had no occasion to set it up, and more or less forgot about it. Then we discovered by accident that the old timer was working after all. It still is. Why it decided to start up again is beyond us, but it did, and is working as well as it ever did.

So we're sending you the new one, which plugs directly into a wall socket (you then plug your equipment into the front of the timer) and is not too suitable for our set-up, especially since the old one fits better in this particular set of circumstances and is, after all, working.

So we're palming the new one off on you. If plugging it into a wall socket is inconvenient, use a small extension cord, heavy enough to carry the load required by the equipment. These timers (judging from our old one, we haven't tried out the new one we're sending to you) are not too accurate. That is, you can synchronize the clock part with operating clocks and set the timer ON tab to the desired starting time, and it may turn the equipment on a few minutes late. You'll have to experiment. What I do is to set the ON tab to the desired starting time, then set the clock part a few minutes ahead of actual time. One problem is that the ON tab and OFF tab cannot be set more precisely than at 15-minute intervals. Not good, but better than no timer at all. We have used ours a great deal, setting the recorder to tape any program we want while we're gone, and let the automatic stop on the recorder take care of that problem if the reel runs out, and the timer turns everything off more or less when it's supposed to. Let's hope you find it of some help. Be sure to experiment before depending on it to turn the machine ~~on~~ on for a program you consider vital.

Again, please let us know when Howard stopped sending you clips from the NY Times, and when he resumed, if he has. We want to cover you on possible essentials where you need them.

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Best,



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