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Dear Jim,

Relet 26, enclosed clips, I've read KPFA b'cast on strange business of the WG arrests only. I set the others aside for when I'm a settin' and a thinkin', for odd moments. I might add to the memo the thought that planting such ideas, if they are diversions, could be the working of the Dept. Disinformation. Only with the nuts do they plant farout stuff. It is better to stick to what can be credited, especially with an assassination background, for slicking the road for wheel-spinning. If there is no certainty, I feel the arrests were what for police today is close enough to normal. I'm more fascinated by the insanity of the police procedures. It is a wonder they made any arrests. They never would have if that big brain Barker hadn't turned the walkie-talkies off. I plan to go into this.

When today's Post reaches you, you will find much missing. I think that rather than machismo, this can be attributed to the skeleton holiday staff. I phoned Larry, and he was one of two in the entire city room in Chicago! I phoned the Post about how they could follow up on the good Valentine-Ramirez piece of Saturday and nobody I knew was working. The UPI story on Hunt wanting to kill Castro, the Dean deal are among the missing items. They didn't even take the wire stories they had to have had, which is where the machismo does come in. They want their readers to think they are doing 99 44/100 %. Maybe to think so themselves. I find it interesting that the story they did have that is a major story was subordinate to the buying of the Padres (imagine anyone wanting to!) and by Woodward & Bernstein, who I think, from the large number of new names and the infrequency of their appearance, must be working on their book. Or, this is a bobtailed version of what they have, too big not to give to the paper.

Hunt: how much family life can he have when while he was Creeping and spooking for GL and worried about his defense and trial and future he did two books, one on the Bay of Pigs, in galley now, according to UPI, for December appearance. I think before December, a fatal month (can't make Xmas orders or sales). No matter how fast he writes, he must have had them about done before he went to work for GL.

Appreciate your taking the time for advice. Independently, we are close together on two things—first person and complicated tale. I never know what will pour out when I get to letting it rip, and I fear that this time I'm bound to have more interruptions, six from taking Lil to and from work each week alone. However, I plan most of the first person in a foreword in which I trace the development of international (that is, including domestic) authoritarianism in terms of my observing and experiencing it, my experiences with the FBI and other spooks, probably weaving in a little of GL, for a number of reasons, one of which is to accredit myself, to justify my having opinions and to give a basis for crediting them and my reasoning. From then on exactly as you say, as a parenthetical illumination. Until I get to what I put on paper, I can't be sure, but I'd imagine that many assassination parallels, especially with official misconduct, will be relevant. In large part where and how will depend on whether or not I have a scorecard of players. If I do, I can work much of my recent experiences with Kleindienst, Dean, Mitchell, Ruckelshaus, FBI, CIA, Sirica in with the short bio of each. But as of now I'm more inclined to restrict this to the players of the game of Nixonian musical chairs, an unoriginal figure that I think apt and relevant to treating him as unrecognizedly sick, not just fascist (and which of the other GLs weren't?) That way I could have an undertone of military-spookery with almost all. reminds. A friend who was here Saturday says that recently Haig made a fascist-like speech at some small college. Saw no story. Did you?

As a matter of fact, I also expect the detected crime and the Senate hearings, etc., also to be sort of incidental, if that will work. Begin with the crime, as the tip of the iceberg, and then start probing for what it means, working in the Hunt, CIA and FBI stuff as I develop this as the expectable working of the Nixon gestapo. What is required in a WG book but no more. Making it fit is, I think, more important. Thus my interest in Nixon's statements and speeches and statements made for him. I've begun to remember more

and I've made a file folder, by date, for each I recall of see referred to. I expect to deal at some length with the Hunt connections and the CIA's domestic work. Which reminds, this week's TIME has a shortie~~s~~ saying that the CIA acknowledged using private dicks to do a favor for a gangland boss who was spoking vs Castro, Sam "Momo" Giancana. Supposedly admitted circa 1963-4.

If it had not been impossible each day, for too many reasons, I'd have drafted the fore word by now, for it came to mind what then seemed pretty clearly last Thursday. Each day brings its own requirements, and they have conspired. Tomorrow Lesar is coming. Friday morning I have several appointments, things I must do. Someday soon the lawyer will be giving me a schedule, and there is too much I haven't been able to get to doing or is beyond my financial capacity. So, Having some kind of file now for everything, often amounting to misfiling, I'd like to write. It will not be easy with everything until recently, with a few exceptions, like the Hunts, in chronological rather than subject files. Both are bad, but there is no choice. Lately it has been subject, as I can anticipate use. But for 12 days in May, each day is a file. To May, each month.

To return to what might be simplification of a complex story, I think that treating the WG crime as the boil that burst, the one, is the most logical simplification. Clean the pus and go on to say what makes pus.

I plan a treatment of GL's political career and have done a short bit. I'd be treating Checkers and 1962 suit separately and in more detail. I want it to be clear, should I say perfectly clear, that this is entirely consistent with GL's career, that there is nothing new about any of it, including the lying.

In general; I think the less I can have on what has been on TV and the papers' front, pages and will be in the Bernstein-Woodward and Hollenhoff books, the better. I can't imagine either treating as I plan. For that matter, I think neither will have a real context, any. Both will treat as scandal, detached, more or less.

Sorry you have the kind of interruption we do, only we not often from deaths. I haven't really caught up from my NY trip yet. I have a need that Pacifica eliminates for you, spending too much time on junk called electronic news. The Post eliminates too much.

If I haven't mentioned it, and I've intended to, if Hal could be prompted to contact some of his Cuban friends with the names of the four and those in the Saturday story referred to above, they might come up with interesting background. In turn, this could be more than background. Angel Ferrer, for instance, sounds very familiar. With all that money and all these dedicated and all the glory to be enjoyed for GL, I find it hard to believe there were so few jobs. I'm satisfied Barker wasn't really truthful on this Reminds, in this a.m.'s radio news roundup on WG, Hunt was not listed for the coming series of hearings. He had been slated for the first week, I understood. And he has been moved to Danbury, which means he'd have to be moved back just next week. Not normal. What would make this normal is his having said something significant to prosecutors and the committee's decision to hold him for later. Note there has been no leak on anything he testified to, which makes his testimony almost unique, hence more likely meaningful.

Now to other mail. Thanks,

