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Dear Jim,

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After a couple of hours outside and what in the race to get out from under the major debt looms as a large saving, in fuel oil from the wood and brush hauled to the house after trimming, it feels good to just sit, so I address the notes and letters in the last two mailings.

X 2/12: it has been some time since I gave Lesar that Caric bulletin. I think there was a note on it asking its return if you did not want it. However, I am certain that he made a copy for himself so should I want it I can get it from him. He had told me of mailing the witness summary and I did thank and pay him. I have also paid for a copy of the decision you said you want because he is having to make more for his own purposes. The cost was negligible and I think there was enough left from your last overpayment. When he xeroxes he will mail that, too.

If you have no need for reserve gas you are better off without it. I can't take chances with Mil having to go to an office daily. It means better than 30 miles each day, so my reserve is not enough for a week should the shortage get acute. I'm not touching it. I keep it away from the house in a small metal shed. Yesterday I needed gas for the trip to DC but instead of using the reserve, which requires hauling to replace it, I went to a strange station and paid a premium of 12¢ a gallon more than I have been paying! But cans are scarce and good cans are rare and I didn't know how often you have to make a trip that takes gas. I discouraged Lesar in making the offer to him. But he spends hours in line. We think the gas moguls are pressuring DC with a special shortage. As I came off the DC Beltway at about 8 a.m. yesterday I passed a series of lines each block long, along Georgia Ave. And I wasted all those extra miles because our Japanese grocery was not open and wouldn't open for another two hours. We miss the green tea.

Domestic spying/SWP: don't take a minuet going over old files. If we need it badly enough it will be available from SWP.

Hundkey represents: maybe I was wrong. I kept no separate file. But I do believe he was one of the founders of Intertel and that also means Hughes.

Cockburn: by now Je's perception is easily applied to almost anything because more than anything else GL always needs new diversions. And they work, too, because nobody digs for the hidden essential. Meanwhile, each nasty business he gets away with makes the next incredible one less unacceptable. Conditioning. When he can't do anything else he picks a fight. The real question with the tapes and Butterfield is finding some way of establishing it. I don't think B will ever talk. And other things like it.

The daring of the WH operation is something that with anything else would command respect. One thing about which I have been making hints, as you may have detected, to Sussman and yesterday to Lindsay, is what he is really hiding and why those 6/20s had to go. The answer should be obvious without the evidence I have and all can and probably each element of the major media already has in some library. I'm rigid now on not giving anything away (except as yesterday for a specific purpose). I not only have to survive; I want to continue this work. That is the day after they got the whole FBI case so they knew what they had to cover and they undoubtedly planned how they would. Assuming GL was not involved, which to me is like believing the world is flat, on that day they knew and with his knowledge if not more began obstructing justice. I tumbled to one of the key parts early and now have a reconstruction of that obstruction: disassociation from Hunt.

Trouble over the 18 minutes is not as serious as this. But I have yet to see a story indicating that 100% of 6/20 in any form except Aldeman's conveniently-recovered notes no longer exists. Can you imagine everyone missing that, including the committees?

Something I forgot in my Lindsay note: he believes Nixon is really crazy so some time back he did a 32-page memo on it, ticking things off. It was unwelcome and he was looked on as the crazy one.

You read it correctly on Hunt. I had no intention of drawing attention to myself. You and JL are the only ones who know of this. I figure he knows me well enough. And I figure that he may need help and that whether or not he is sick/evil and did bad things others getting away free are worse. Justice is indivisible, I think. Or should be. But if nothing comes of this I also have lost nothing. I expect nothing except under unusual conditions.

Best,

