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HW:

Re the 20mar74 letter to the NYTimes from Elliott Newcomb on the 25th amendment, I feel sure we've seen this referred to before many months ago, but not in such specific detail as far as Nixon's possible use of it is concerned.

It may account for some of his more confident statements, and certainly seems to shed considerable light on his choice of Ford.

It does appear to broaden and extend his options. We remain convinced that he never will stand still for a Senate trial. Even if he hangs on through a Judiciary Committee recommendation to impeach and a vote in the House. Hence, if he intends to use the 25th, ~~he~~ he more easily can say with conviction that he has no intention of resigning. He would prefer several alternatives to invoking the 25th, but it no doubt would be preferable to resigning in disgrace. Much will depend on timetables -- his own, and those he cannot control.

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Your 3/25 letter to Barry Sussman (and subsequent references) regarding some sort of administration move against the Post and its apparently corporate interests comes up against a blank wall of ignorance here. The Post and Times for that date won't be here for another three days or so. No mention that we can find in the local Chronicle, nor in any broadcast news that we've heard, a circumstance I thought you'd be interested in knowing about.

Don't bother to explain it -- no doubt all will become clear when the relevant papers come in the mail. In any case, we have encountered nothing in the news for that time which remotely approaches anything as serious as you appear to indicate.

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Your alert on Newsweek for 18mar74 with an article on GL tax problems reached us after it had been taken from the stands. By that time the library had replaced it on its racks with the newly current issue, and the issue for 18mar not in the stacks, apparently being circulated. We'll keep looking for it.

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