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Dear Harold:

Herewith little enough by way of enclosures, but I'm sure you're not asking for any more diversion than necessary.

We don't recognize your ribbon trouble with the ~~Hennes~~. Any we've had has been associated with a defective trip to reverse the ribbon.

Thanks for the two Star installments of the Szulc series. Whoever Floyd is, he has not sent the third. However, don't copy. I'm still trying to get the New Republic's version, but it still hasn't showed up on local magazine racks. If I wind up unable to get it, I'll then ask you to copy the third installment in the Star, but in the meantime that's quite unnecessary.

We were able to catch all three panel shows Sunday: Colby on Face the Nation, Church on Issues & Answers, and Gov. Brown on Meet the Press. Colby and Church are on tape if you need them. But not Gov. Brown, who turned out to be by far the most interesting. An excellent performance. I think he's running, insofar as a potential dark horse can run. If the present disarray among the ~~Demos~~ Demos continues, and if he gets enough exposure, he ought to get the nomination, he's that effective and different. Very different. His hookup with a known WR critic like Lowenstein suggests that he's prepared to tackle Ford in the campaign if he can manage to get nominated. In which case his problem in the end will be to avoid getting assassinated. If you didn't catch him Sunday, be sure to try for his next appearance. This guy is sharp and, thus far, frank. The kind they try to kill off at the first opportunity, but this time the Demos are so impoverished for talent that they could go for him in case of a deadlock. He has legitimate appeal on both sides of the aisle and knows how to use it. His Jesuit training in logic makes him stick out like a sore thumb among all the hacks.

Been reading your enclosures with much interest, but there's nothing I can say from this distance that won't waste your time. You're busy, so I won't keep you.

Best,



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