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John Warner from Helms

1. Realize this is long week-end for you and have no desire to intrude into it. Nevertheless wanted to pass along my musings after our phone conversation on October 17 so that you will have them when next week begins.

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2. Assume that Cox staff man (Buenavista?) will insist on interviewing me eventually re June 28, 1972 letter. (If you succeed in getting him called off ^{the ledge} it will be the most persuasive plea of the year, and I will bow from ^{in your direction} the waist.) Therefore it would be most helpful if John Greeney could go over June 28 letter point by point and ferret out from testimony of various congressional appearances what I have had to say on similar points. For example, I have explained why I called off FBI interview of Karl Wagner, etc. I have explained about delimitation agreement with FBI. There is testimony from Pat Gray on why he kept insisting the Agency was involved in Watergate burglary. In ~~the~~ words, this would pull together material needed to prepare me

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for such an interview. I hate to overload Greaney with extra-curricular work, but he is the only person beside yourself who is familiar with all the testimony. He needs send nothing here. It could be kept in his office in Washington.

3. As for Hebert's comments re unwillingness to let the Agency see the House report before publication release, I assume this is Nedzi's way of insuring that he gets maximum exposure for himself and his probe. He is a publicity hound, and would not want a leak to lessen the effect of his findings. Nevertheless, it might be worth having someone see George Mahon who I do not think would want to see the Agency hurt. He might be able, if he chose, to have a look at the report and counsel modification if it is unfairly rough. If that approach does not work, perhaps Mel Laird could find out through one of the Republicans on the committee. Mel Price is another possible person to approach directly or via Bob Wilson.

I do not want to be making suggestions behind Bill's back. On other hand would appreciate reasonable privacy as far as rest of Agency is concerned.

5 Many, many thanks for your help and interest. Warm regards.

6 After writing above and just as it was to go on wire, I received Director 469 637. Deeply appreciate your effort with Cox and Neal. If they send someone here to interview me, Greaney could cable the few things I would need. Meanwhile I will await your letter hand carried by Mr. Charles Clarke.