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Dear Doug:

I appreciate very much the book which you sent me which, needless to say, will be practical and worthwhile reading. I shall have to put it high on my list as soon as I have time on my hands which is not far off.

While, as you indicated in your very nice inscription, you continue to "learn", I guess I do to.

You ought to know that I am proceeding with the book. In view of the terrible polarization in the country right now, I really feel that the best service I can perform is to write an absolutely accurate accounting of what happened from January 1969 through the end of the impeachment struggle. I almost don't care how much it sells as long as it constitutes one hopefully objective and complete accounting of what in fact happened, good and bad. My concern is that no one else will do it and that there will be a rash of books, some of them childishly superficial like Magruder's, others virilently anti-Nixon and finally, from the Jeff Harts, et al, impassioned defenses, the martyred President. I want the one book out of this period that will be straight down the line. Ken Adams in this office, who is a very bright lawyer and good writer (despite his undergraduate training at Yale) will be working with me. If you are in the neighborhood and feel like giving him thoughts for the book, drop in and see him. You might regard it as part of your public service to see that a straight account is written.

Thanks again and good luck in your last year at Harvard.

Sincerely,

