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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE OR CORRESPONDENTS	DATE	RESTRICTION
N-1 [Doc 154]	Draft Letter	Byg Khaclujin, re: von Hoffmann's Comments on George Allen	8/28/70	C (orig)
N-2 [Doc 155]	Draft	re: von Hoffmann's writings	n.d.	C (copy)

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FOLDER TITLE

*Nicholas von Hoffmann*

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Review on Contested Documents

**Collection:** Kenneth L. Khachigian

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<u>Document</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
154	Retain Open
155	Return Private/Personal

Mr. Von Hoffmans writings are a blight in Washington. In a city ~~xxxx~~ whose population has become inured to political rhetoric, ~~xxx~~, Mr. Von Hoffmans word are like a breath of foul air. He serves to remind us ~~xx~~ that there is much to be done. Yes Virginia, there is ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xx~~ such a thing as reasoned discourse.

What comes to mind, of course, is Mr. Von Hoffman's most recent column bemoaning the possibility that the United States Senate might change hands; that indeed it might be exposed to a different type of thinking. But in that column of August 28, ~~xxx~~ 1970, Mr. Von Hoffman outdid himself. He contrived to postulate the most unfounded and untruthful opinions that this author has had the occasion to read in the Washington Post -- which can now be classified as a bona fide underground newspaper on the three times a week that Nicky's column shows up.

My ~~xxxx~~ theme ~~xx~~ is that Mr. Von Hoffman should not write in excess that even with political commentary there is such a thing as excess. For Nicky, ~~xxx~~ "nothing exceeds like excess." He is given to whipping up ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ not merely emotions (that can be a good thing on ~~xx~~ occasion), but also to fueling hatred and prejudice; discord and dissension. This is all to say that Mr. Von Hoffman should consider moderation, not in his opinion, but rather in his tone. For he ~~xxxx~~ does rant. He does indulge in the seediest of half-truths -- a practice which presumably fulminated against in a different time.

And in all, it is dangerous. It is given to danger because the public cannot long suffer the foolishness and character of