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50	34	10/22/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal	Letter	From Goldthwaite H. Dorr to Leonard Garment RE: Special relationship and law case. 2pgs.

**DOCUMENT WITHDRAWAL RECORD [NIXON PROJECT]**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE OR CORRESPONDENTS	DATE	RESTRICTION
N-1 [Doc 118]	Memo Comm.	with Mrs. Everett Dirlisen, re: Doubleday's desire to use picture	9/18/72	C (copy)
N-2 [Doc 119]	Letter	Goldchwaite H. Dorr to Farnment, re: special companionship [attached to cover memo, Farnment to Woods, 10/30/71]	10/22/71	C (copy)

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Presidential Materials Review Board

Review on Contested Documents

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Dear Len:

As I think you well know there has been a steady growth of my feeling of a special companionship between you and me. It was founded in the contacts we had in the office here and particularly in what seemed to me, the great enterprise of our participation in Time v. Hill. There was something in that case, that I felt, tended to bring out the best that all of us had in us.

I had never known an instance of such generous action in a law case, as your setting yourself aside, from what was so justifiably your desire to argue that case in the Supreme Court. That action as I see it, has had far reaching results.

The situation presented a terrific challenge to our partner. It took, to my mind, such basic strength of character for him, in the light of his narrow previous legal experience, to face the music of Supreme Court Justices, who hated his very guts.

And how much those yellow sheets, written after midnight showed a capacity for an objective approach to himself and his own work. It showed that what he had done in court was not a flash in the pan, but an evidence of great strength that had with it an ability to search objectively for mistakes he might have made in the exercise of that strength, and to seek to profit by them. It is too much to expect that he will always call upon this ability to recognize and profit by mistakes, but it showed that it is there.

The performance of the tremendous tasks before him will depend not only upon his indomitable strength, but also upon the use of his "yellow sheets" objective self-analysis. And so, Len it seems to me in our Time v. Hill experiences that we can feel that we were witnessing, and to you a very great extent participating in, something of great import to our country and indeed the world.

It seems to me that what happened last night in his address to the country on his two appointments, might well be the result of an ultimate exercise by him of the qualities he displayed in the yellow sheets. In any event, as one comment was made to me, 'he has again boxed in his opposition'.

I don't know that you realized at the time, what a complete surprise my little visit to The White House and the impromptu birthday celebration was to me. Yesterday I received a follow-up letter from the President with those unrehearsed photographs which are always going to mean so much to me. If you have not seen them, do take a look and you will understand.

The whole events of that day in spite of the shock to me of death cutting off the things I had hoped to accomplish in my talk with Dean Acheson, seems to have given me a new lease on life, at any rate, it made me a less grouchy individual, which my associates were beginning to find me. I owe you a lot. And I do hope to get down to Washington again and perhaps have some fruitful thoughts which I can pass on to you, and particularly about your own future. Meanwhile, thanks.

Faithfully yours,

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