

WP-- Hello. I got your little book. Very nice. ('TLS')

Q-- Hav you had chance to give a little thought abt what we talked abt earlier?

WP-- I've tried to think of something else & really I dont come up w/ anything. tht wd be very helpful. (referred to earlier recollections abt v.B frantically searching for a white tie at hotel, & then even at White House, at super-formal dinner there that Ike was giving to celebrate Explorer 1 achievement)

*See attached!*

Q-- Did you have much face-to-face contact w/ v.Braun?

WP-- We were involved in various meetings, but usually we went our separate ways w/ our people. Oh, we'd meet several times working

a year. It wasnt a day-to-day thing.

(He aware of Rees' death. spoke well of him. said he was w/ Stuhlinger or had seen him recently, in Iowa re: James van Allen, etc.

(mentioned Pickering crater on moon -- named for another W.H. Pickering, also astronomer, around 1900 -- no relation. hav to be dead to have crater named for you.)

Q-- you were aware tht v.B went to Wash/NASA HQs at Tom Paine's urging.?

WP-- Yeah

Q-- and v.B had mixed feelings abt tht--he foresaw tht it most certainly wd lead to th breakup of his original team, anyway?

WP-- yeah, that's right.

Q-- while were some positive results of his going there, it was largely frustrating experience?

WP-- yeah.

Q-- did he ever share any of that w/ you?

WP-- yeah, I'll agree--I think it was. I think the obvious reason for it (his move to Wash.) was <sup>that</sup> he had ~~been~~ a great influence on Congressmen. He was a very charismatic individual, anyway. In fact, he is the only witness at a congressional hearing tht I've ever heard of that, when he came into the room, all th Congressmen came down to shake his hand. (agreed tht v.B had a "star quality")

Q-- did he ever share w/ you his feelings ~~about going to Wash~~ or thoughts abt his Wash. service, or abt joining Fairchild?

WP-- yeah--no, no, I never talked to him abt that (Fairchild), but I had th feeling that he wasnt very happy there (in Wash.).