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JIM BROMWELL

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"CABBIE'S FARE TURNS OUT TO BE A REAL SLEEPER"

The big man in the back seat of his cab mumbled an address to the cabbie and lost all further interest in the trip home. At the address in upper Northwest Washington the cabbie thought the big man had mumbled - nobody knew him. At the second address the cabbie thought the big man gave it was the same story. It was late in the evening of last Friday night, when the cabbie pulled up in front of the 8th precinct with his problem. Hatless and in shirt sleeves 55-year-old Harold D. Bowers left his desk (sergeant at front) to cope with "cabbie's problem." He tugged at the man but got no response. Down the precinct steps came Robert Donnell and Douglas C. Taylor. Bower, Donnell and Taylor tugged the cabbie's problem and helped him to ~~the~~ his feet on the sidewalk. "Before I knew it," ~~the~~ Representative John Culver (D-Ia.) ~~was~~ said at his press conference yesterday, "there were these three guys I had never seen before pulling and hauling me around." I thought I was being attacked and I resisted accordingly. Briefly, the 32-year-old former Harvard graduate recounted the ~~activities~~ activities of a hectic week which had culminated for him on that hectic Friday. He had steady rounds of subcommittee work on Foreign Affairs and Economic Policy and after-hour meetings with constituents had taken their physical toll..... ~~Le Bistro~~ That night he ~~had~~ had dinner at Le Bistro - couple of drinks afterwards - then he took a cab home....

Red lines were drawn through his name and address in the arrest book....

// I had quite a job explaining it to my wife and mother and if my career is going to be wrecked by this one incident that is the way it is ~~going~~ going to be. It's the honest way of doing it. It is the most difficult thing I have ~~had~~ had to do in my whole life, but being in public life I must ... face it.





NOTES FOR CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (Jerry: The last sentence is a reference to an incident in which the incumbent, Rep. John Culver, was arrested for drunk ~~tennessy~~ in April, 1965. See attachment. I assume you don't need anything on Ben Reifel.)

One of the reasons we're going to do very well at the polls in November is because we have outstanding candidates. And one of those outstanding candidates is your own Mayor Bob Johnson. As a ~~super~~ top-notch salesman, he's a natural politician. In his ~~work~~ work as a news reporter and columnist, <sup>I'm sure</sup> he developed a great respect for the truth and the people's right to know. He's just the kind of fellow we need in running against an Administration that misinforms the public, misleads the people and ~~thinks~~ thinks government has the right to lie. And the fact that he has been your mayor since 1962 underscores the great esteem and affection ~~that~~ in ~~the~~ which he is held by everyone who knows him. I'm sure you'll never find him cruising around Washington, passed out in a taxicab.

