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Dear George,

O.K. on Schorr, if that aspect interests him. It has been neglected, I think on the general theory that it is past, not present, and only the present is news.

Perhaps another reason is the amount of time that might be required, or would be presumed to be required, to follow the existing leads.

This all pivots on Hunt, and we know less of him than there is to be ~~now~~ known. I have some fact and some pretty strong hunches.

Hunch: he was not some kind of "Eduardo" associated with a "Macho" in the Bay of Pigs but was actually the guy in charge, Frank Bender, assisted by a second-in-command, "Bernie", who was Barker. Haynes Johnson's The Bay of Pigs mentions no Eduardo. The only Macho he mentions is the real name of any authentic Catholic priest. The Times hit that bait hard and hooked fast.

Fact: he was in an entirely different role at the Mullen agency, not just a hired hand to read out copy (vice president and director). His connection with that agency did not end when reported by Bennett, to my certain knowledge, but I must preserve the confidence of my source. It would not require unique genius or great effort to develop this independently. Everybody has ignored his many biographies except one Miami reporter who made a foolish mistake. The clues are there. That was my beginning point and it is so simple I was able to do it by phone because I know the right person.

These bios, by the way, indicate what we foolishly believe to be outside the law for the CIA, domestic activity. He had a cover with what was a legitimate literary agency. It represented me while he was there long enough to kill a deal.

These bios also may provide the clue to the beginning of a connection with Ogarrio, the Mexican whose name was signed to the \$89,000 in checks. Ogarrio's son's denial for the father that he knew Hunt is limited to the period of Hunt's White House employment. Earlier Hunt was in Mexico for CIA with a State cover.

The indictment is one of the finer productions of the Department of Disinformation, and not because the FBI did not know better. It fails to mention any one of his pen names/aliases, and all the bios are under them, as I recall. I have them, you or Schorr are welcome to them. I also have the indictment.

Aside from those few Cubans on whom I have the FBI reports, there are others who may yet figure in this. On some I have more extensive files, especially a former Dade County chairman, who is Billy James Hargis' official biographer, etc. Republican, natch.

If someone were inclined to look ahead or to look for what has not appeared, I have a hunch that the filings of Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew for the last campaign might be productive, as would any for this, any successor or similar group in the present campaign. I don't think a printout would cost much and the names might mean something to me where they would not to most reporters. From what I know of them, this is a pretty farout bunch of Batista boys.

I have made a formal request of Ken Clawson under the Freedom of Information law for Hunt's employment at the White House after March 29. Most people were deceived by the wording of the announcement. His employment did not terminate then. That was the last day for which he had been paid as of the time of the announcement. He was employed at the White House at the time of the arrests and was separated a few days later, after his name surfaced. I have also asked for all government contracts with the Mullen agency (~~now~~ ^{which} has done CIA work and in Hunt's special area, Cuba). I don't expect Clawson to break his back honoring my requests for "public information". I do not think it at all impossible that government rather than Creep money was spent on such endeavors by means of contracts with Mullen. Hunt worked on at least one the explanations of which are Aesopian. I mean in addition not, not instead of.

Thanks for the info on the JFK brain. As I told you when you asked me where to look, I do not regard it as one of the more important bits of hidden evidence. I believe its maximum value at ~~the~~^{this} point would be negative evidence, and for that my knowledge at least is past the point where this would mean anything. I have done an enormous amount of work on the medical evidence. I regard it as quite successful, informative, beyond even the possibility of refutation, and I'd go so far as to say definitive. Any one of these is enough to guarantee the work can't be printed.

Wecht is one of the genuine experts in his field, but he knows nothing of the fact of the assassination and holds some rather extreme views on what he regards as the politics in it/them. He is not reluctant to shaft all Kennedys, was warned in advance that this would be the only ~~reason~~ reason he would be permitted to see anything, and he can't lose because he has a malpractice business, so any attention is free advertising. Too bad, as I see it. I was actually, repeatedly, solicited to apply for access through a proxy of my selection and refused. The solicitation was not in response to any initiative from ~~me~~ me, was from the government, not the family, and is in writing.

Pretty much is true of the other thing Wecht has demanded. That may be even worse in its capability of burying truth a bit deeper.

You may not know my background, may know me only from my work on the assassination. I was a Senate investigator, was in intelligence during World War II, and I see possible embarrassment for Schorr if he pursues the story with the diligence and professionalism he has displayed in the past. I am without doubt that if followed successfully, this will lead to the White House, with a sufficient connection. There would then, I imagine, be another Agnewistic blast at the biased, radio-lib media, etc. because of his past experienced with the White House. I do not intend this as discouragement. I'd love to see this thing aired as completely as possible. Rather I think all eyes should be wide open.

You or he are welcome to everything I have, with the one exception of what I must treat as confidential. Someone would get hurt, and I gave my word. (You may remember that when I give my word I keep it, even if it costs attention to what I want to get attention!) I have a rather large file. I don't know how relevant others might consider some of what is in it. If any of your people is even just curious, I'll be glad to spend the time required to explain what I have and what I think. These strange people have compelled my interest in them, thus I do have information on them and their associates and kindred spirits. This includes the FBI reports, the "unt bio material, etc.

Best regards,

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Dear Harold;

My inquiries into the JFK Brain went almost exactly the same as the Times-Mecht inquiry, with the same results. Dr. Burkley told me he was not at liberty to say what happened to it, without authorization from the family,--and there it ended. My private speculation is that it was either cremated, or more likely, interred with the body when the coffin was moved to the new and final tomb site.

Thank you for your offer of a look at documents on the Watergate characters,--Dan Schorr is working on that story at the moment,--but it may come around to me again, and I may then take you up on your offer,--meanwhile I'll pass along your offer to Dan if that is agreeable to you,--I'll await your reply first.

yours very truly,--and with thanks



George Herman