

Ed, Hasty response to your 9/20 question, when was Greenspun's office entered, etc:
The xerox of a NYTimes 5/23/73 story by Tom Buckley is too Gray to recopy. It quotes
HG as saying "he was not certain when the burglary attempt occurred. He said he had
noticed that the aluminum sills of his window, which are concealed behind heavy
curtains, had been jimied and that the safe bore the marks of heavy tools having been
used on it when he returned from a vacation last September." I take this to mean 9/72.
This a.m., in anticipation of the testimony due to start in minutes, Hunt is quoted as
denying any connection with that job. As of 9/72, obviously neither he nor any of the
known "plumbers", which certainly tends to credit your report that two Chicrums were
used. Your reasoning is sound and in accord with mine. I wrote that part some time ago.
Greenspun says Hughes would give anything to get what is in his safe. Also that he won't
give it to Ervin. My belief is that it is dirt on Nixon/Hughes relationship and that
because Maheu had enough, Nixon needed them badly, more so after the WG arrests. Maheu
seems to have given them or copies to Greenspun and/or Jack Anderson, who also may have
gotten copies from Greenspun. There is an earlier connection between Maheu, his Washington
days, and the late Louis Russell (Nixon's rearer on Hiss). Russell died of an apparent
heart attack. He was a friend of McCord. He was, as is not generally known, actually a
CRSEF employee at the time of the ripoff. The FBI has lied about when they interviewed
him, the pretext cover being the dates of their reports, 6/27 and 7/3/72. Actually, it
is my information he was picked up and sweated p.m. 6/17/72 and they accused him of being
on the scene. He admitted as of 6/16, denied 6/17....Using a CIA cover, as you report,
makes the best sense because as of 9/72 the Nixon effort to pin it all on CIA was well
under way...I don't think the planned heist was to get the stuff on the Hughes loan to
Don Nixon, for all that was well reported and no need existed for any records. It is the
wheeling and dealing with "Glorious Leader personally....Sorry you do not name your two
wiremen who worked for Scully Cain when he headed special investigations for then Cook
County Sheriff Richard Ogilvie. Their names might mean something. May I note that if wire-
men were used, the job was more than a bust and a heist? Unless these two are safecrackers,
too. If the plan was to break into the safe, experienced men should have been used. From
Greenspun's account, amateurs. Now, Hunt had had trouble getting a lockpicker. He had tried
to get a former CIA pro before he used Barker's man. So, perhaps there was a little problem
with Greenspun's big safe....Demaris: I've seen him quoted from California within the
past four months or so. If I remember in what sense, I'll let you know. It is certain
he is alive from quotations, since they do not come from The Other Side. The Post Office
Dept, inspired by Nixonian concepts of efficiency, has stopped forwarding mail after
6 months, so if he moved, you'd not be reaching him. In haste, HW 9/24/73

9/20/73

Hal---

Can you suggest supply date of unsuccessful burglary of Hank Greenspun's safe.

With date, I have man who can obtain police report to verify date and establish probable time. Then we can track down whereabouts of two wiretappers we suspect of engineering this operation.

They ~~did~~^{used} of all things, CIA cover. Hired an entire movie-shooting crew, script, actors, etc. Because they used credit cards for this operation, I believe they can be at least circumstantially linked to attempt to get records on Hughes loan to Don Nixon. I would suspect motive was to get and destroy any evidence, not to obtain and use to dirty anyone. (over)

Our two suspects, by the way,
were the wiremen for Richard
Scully Cain who headed special
investigations for then Cook
County Sheriff Richard Ogilvie.

Small world.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'ED' or 'E.D.' with a stylized flourish.