Rothblatt wants the four Cubans he represents in the W.G case to go to trial, indicates he'll quit them if they do not, appears excited on TV, and a bit worried, and says they have a good chance before the jury. I can only wonder of what, caught red-handed as they were. He appeared on camera outside the courthouse at the end of today's session.

I haven't had chance to think it through, but on the face of it it does not make sense unless he knows what has not been published. Like administration intent to put it to them hard.

It would seem that Nixonian and CIA interest is best served by their silence. If they go to trial, there is an opportunity for testimony to be made public. If they do not, there is not. Much less can be used against McCord or Liddy if they go to trial.

There was advance indication of what happened with Hunt. Ross published it in the Chicago Sun-Times last month, the statement that Hunt was looking for a deal. So neither Rothblatt nor his clients were caught by surprise. They may feign it.

One possibility is vengeance, the CIA's against the administration (not only for Nixon's shafting of Helms on the eve of his retirement, an unnecessary insult). Rothblatt seems to have handled cases on the side of interest to the CIA.

As of now setting the next court session for 11 a.m. Monday, a late beginning, also seems unusual and indicates the judge does not expect testimony to be presented then. He'd start earlier if he did, or he has conferences set for prior to testimony. If there are further deals, whether or not they lead to a mistrial, the rights of Liddy and McCord might be impaired. HW 1/12/73