Dear Larry, 12/16/72

The clips came today. They are incomplete for the period covered because I have a copy of Ross' story from the Sun-Times syndicate from the Star-News. If it did not appear in the S-T, let me know and I'll make you a copy. However, it is not as long as I'd expect for a piece saying domestic intelligence activities of the CIA may have beenx involved in the Watergatery, so if printed there I'd appreciate a copy.

Joel Volz told me a little other than these clips say of Dorothy Hunt's insurance. Instead of totalling $225,000 he said $250,000 and is of even more interest to investigators because the total for the flight was only $400,000.

He said that the money was in bank wrappers. I do not think this has to have significance because a spook can get them and it is possible that there are not enough $100 bills in distribution for everyone to get only new ones. He or his sources have the list of WG bills (he=Volz) and not one of DH's checks with any one of them.

Interestingly enough, you paper duplicates the S-T's typo, giving her address as Potomac, Mich. It is Md.

You sent (many thanks) the UPI passenger and crew list of 12/8; Michael Minor's 12/11 S-t; Art Petaque's 11/12; Rooney & O'Connor's 12/12; and his 12/12 from the extra. If there are earlier stories or subsequent ones, I'd welcome because this gets increasingly interesting.

You are right in saying EHH's money problems are over if he gets the insurance. But one of the more interesting aspects is that he appears to have had no financial problems. If he had spare cash totalling $10,585 in a crash alone after six months of unemployment (which we are kind and presume for him) and a house whose worth I think has been given as $150,000 after all these high-cost legal expenses, he ain t hurtin thataway.

I think it might be interesting if any of your court sources out there known anything of Bittman's career in the USAttorney's office there for he seems to have handled CIA cases other than this one since joining Hogan and Hartson, unless I remember incorrectly.

Your tip on an alleged motel purchase is what has been printed less specifically in DC, I think in the Post. But why buy into something like so legitimate a business with <u>cash</u>? That is to beg for IRS troubles, among the obvious disadvantages. It is, of course, quite inconsistent with the standards of CPAs, which Carlstead is supposed to be. And if this was fresh money, what were Fiorini's initials and message doing on the bill whose number began with 007?

None of the names in the list means anything to me. There was a name aired earlier not in the clips you sent or any I've seen, Harold Powell, said to have been our ambassador I think to Uruguay and to have had this deal discussed with him in advance by Hunt.

You told me her body was burned one of the worst. How the hell was Hunt going to "identify" it, assuming he has more guts than I have and would look? If he went there for another reason, what? Did others fly to identify the other burned bodies?Can identification be made by visual examination of a badly-burned body? If not, then is there not the possibility or a different purpose for Hunt's short, fast trip and if so a different story?

With a spook who lives like a spook, thinks and acts like a spook and does only spooky things it is, of course, easy to go overboard. But there is too much here. It is hard to dismiss everything as only coincidence.

There seems to be no indication that Fiorini is loaded, or any reason his lawyers required his presence in Washington, so I wonder why he was there to initial this $$$ or, if he were <u>not</u> in DC area, where Hunt was that he was with all that $$$.

For Hunt to deal in cash means he had illicit money, was in an illicit project, or was into something else. His every need was served by a check in a legit deal. If you have even had a full-field IRS investigation, as I have=m you'd know this. So, I can,t help but wonder. And one of the possibilities is that he had income he didn t want to have recorded, as from the CIA. Or that he grafted from them in the past and did not account in his return. One of the possibilities goes back to the Bay of Pigs, if he is who I think he was there. I have no objections to your telling Rooney this if you think it interests him. I think Frank Bender was not a German ref but was hunt, who was not a non-existent "Eduardo", and that Barker was not the non-existent "Macho" (the name of a real priest) but Bender's next-in-command, "Bernie". See index, The Bay of Pigs, by Haynes (the silent one)Johnson, then of the Star, now of the Post. If Rooney wants my bio stuff, if I didn t send it to you, I'll send copies. From Who's Who, also tabulated, and Contemp. Authors. Thanks much,