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Dear Bob Woodward,

I wrote you a note Friday after reading Jim Mann's story and didn't get around to mailing it. From then until this morning other things occupied me, and when I got up this morning I decided to do a memo. There are a number of us who have interests related to some of those who figure in the Watergate Caper. Without having time to organize my thoughts or to correct the inevitable and numerous errors, I did the memo. Because to seemed afterward that you might have some interest in some of it, I am sending you my carbon. I'd appreciate its return after you read it.

Mann quotes Caddy as claiming he "was acting ~~xxxx~~ as attorney for two other ~~xxxxxxx~~ persons, Hunt and 'Mr. X'." Then he told Sirica of his refusal to respond to questions before the grand jury, "I did so upon the instructions of my clients." Thus it would seem he was in touch with both after the grand jury was announced at the latest. Or perjured.

Not necessarily inconsistent with this but interesting in the light of the conjecture in the enclosed memo is the final graph on page 1 of the early edition. It quotes prosecutors as saying that Caddy appeared to represent the five men at the outset and that, on arrest, all five "declined offers to make telephone calls." No calls, Caddy appears, and the Barker story about the advance arrangements with his wife doesn't stack.

Pretty clearly Caddy appeared for different reasons, suggested in the memo. He heard all of it and/or Hunt did, too, by walkie-talkie courtesy the Republican National Committee.

The half-hour between the arrest and the automatic alarm via the wife if she wasn't called isn't enough to permit what the described condition of Democratic Hq. required be done before three a.m.

Bearing on my theory is Caddy's quoted admission that he was up beginning midnight, that his involvement admitted began about then and included a half-dozen calls each way. This has to mean he was part of an operation, not counsel involved in criminal activity ~~x~~ in his capacity as attorney for the criminals. And why should he have been called at midnight when there was no arrest until 2 1/2 hours later?

News stories refer to quite a crew of Caddy lawyers, in one case four at one time. Then only the Hogan & Hartson firm was emntioned. Mann refers to John Eris [sic] Powell. Do you know the names of all the lawyers, all if other firms? Some many be known to me and some of my friends because of earlier clients.

I'm looking forward to checking your reconstruction of Hunt's career to see if any period(s) in it conform to areas of our interests.

It strikes me as strange that no picture of Hunt has appeared. "one from college, none from alumni activities, and none from promotion of more than 40 books? Or was not one promoted? Nor any picture of "Bender" or "Bernie" with 1500 or more any one of whom might have wanted souvenir pictures. They were preparing for an adventure. Historic, as they saw it.

I've just seen an old deVosjoly story I hadn't seen before. You'll remember that one of these eats had a copy of his "Lamia". All reporting was angled on his claims to fame at the time of the Cuba Missle Crisis, which is fiction. On that he now lets a not-incpnsiderable ego soar in Miami. To me one of the more interesting parts of his book is how SDECE, not the Dieuxeme Bureau of the news stories, engaged in illicit activities to finance what it considered patriotic projects. Inspiration for Cuban "patriots"?

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Bob Woodward,

Although it is not clear beyond question, I think two things is Jim Mann's story on Caddy this morning are subject to one particular interpretation.

Caddy is quoted as "asserting" that he "was acting as attorney for two other persons", Hunt and "Mr. X".

Then he told Sirica about refusing to answer question before the grand jury, "I did so upon the instructions of my clients."

This can mean that he was in touch with both Hunt and "Mr. X" after the grand jury was announced.

The final graph on page 1 of the early edition quotes government prosecutors as describing how Caddy appeared to represent the five men who, on arrest, "declined offers to make telephone calls."

May I make two suggestions? One, the possibility of arrest was discussed in advance and plans made for that, plans the only apparent purpose of which had to be to hide associates. Two, aside from these plans, there remained another means of associates knowing of the arrest. As I remember, with these men, a walkie-talkie was picked up. If there need be no connection, for many can have walkie-talkies, one report had it that a walkie-talkie was found in Hunt's desk.

The one thing that would appear to be unlikely is the contact through Barker's wife. The stories on time eliminate that. The arrest was at 2:30. The story is that if she had not heard from him by 3 there was trouble. The half-hour difference can't account for what remained uncompleted, if only the cleaning up, which would have required more time.

Bearing on this is the quoted Caddy admission that his involvement began at midnight. This has to mean that he was part of the operation, not just a lawyer called afterward. Why should he have been called or made a call at midnight when there was no arrest until two and a half hours later?

News stories refer to the numerous defense lawyers in this case, sometimes without names, as when the presence of four outside the grand jury was reported, sometimes, as today, the name of John Eris Powell. If more than the one firm is involved, it is possible that there may be interesting connections of the other firm or firms.

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