

Demo Bugging 6/30/72 HW

The 6/25/72 Miami Herald says of Hunt:

"He lists himself in the 1969 edition of Who's Who as retiring from government service in 1965 to join the business of Littaur and Wilkinson, 500 5th Ave., New York City. But the New York telephone company ~~xxxx~~ has no listing for a Littaur and Wilkinson and it is known that Hunt did not leave the CIA until April of 1970."

Two things. One does not check a 1965 business by a 1972 directory. There was a Littaur and Wilkinson at that address and at that time. I was there, to see Max Wilkinson. He or Littaur had been editor of Colliers, as I recall.

He is a story that if coincidence, has to be one of the more unusual ones in those with which I have lived.

I spoke to John Appleton, then the Saturday Evening Post editor in charge of serializations. He got interested in WHITEWASH and said he wanted to serialize it but also wanted to deal with it through an agent. I had none and asked him to pick one. Now we were talking about \$10,000, which meant that all the agent had to do was sign contracts, for which he began by getting \$1,000 for as close to nothing as anything in an agent's life.

Appleton sent me to Sterling North. North would not touch the subject. I phoned Appleton from North's office and he told me to see Wilkinson and, as with North, to use his name. Wilkinson said he was ready to leave for lunch but would await me. I went there immediately. He was interested. We spoke for at least an hour. He was fascinated and of what I have called "Everything Happened" he said it should make a movie. I gave him the ms and left or sent one to him.

Within a short period of time these things happened -and not this coincides with the employment of the CIA man in that office:

Appleton disappeared from the Saturday Evening Post and it lost interest; Wilkinson said no publisher would touch the subject and returned the ms.

While he had been so interested, especially in "Everything Happened" and the movie possibilities he ran way, way late and then we continued talking as he walked to where he was going and then standing on a street corner, he never again mentioned that book.

WHITEWASH comes as close as anything responsibly could to saying that Oswald had been some kind of intelligence agent, USSR and New Orleans. He did use a CIA return address in New Orleans, that which had been the address of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, which figures in this Watergate Caper by the involvement it had with these people. It was to have been the government in exile if the beachhead was established and in theory it mounted the invasion.

The trouble with coincidences and me is that they don't stop and never do any good!

The easiest way to learn what happened to Littaur and Wilkinson would be to ask in publishing and to go through issues of LMP (Literary Market Place) beginning in 1965.

Wilkinson was of retirement age when I met him. I suspect the firm, a successful one, was sold and went through a name change.