

Dear Pearl,

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I write this in anticipation of hearing further from you. Two things are enclosed: the most recent of a series of Jacl Anderson columns on dope; and a poor photocopy of a tabulation of the partial career of E. Howard Hunt, whose known aliases Gordon Davis, John Baxter, Robert Doetrick, ~~Wasservogel~~ and A.S. Barnes. He uses so many aliases I give you his wife's maiden name. With this I've just added an incomplete partially (deliberately) inaccurate bio from Contemporary Authors. On the photocopy next to the last listing is as agent for or an agent with Littauer & Wilkinson.

When you have finished, please return the Anderson clip. For strange reasons I have to keep a file of some of these things. You will note that of all the Chinese involvement mentioned, none connect with mainland China. This part of your writing has troubled me. What your source told you of China, Castro and dope is a likely as Richard Nixon leading a picketline for immediate and total troop ~~involvement~~ withdrawal from all foreign lands. It is inconsistent with their political beliefs, and I think you have been deliberately fed bad stuff. I don't recall by whom. Anderson has written much about this, as have others. There has recently been a doctoral on it, got much Congressional, press attention. But it also fails to have the remotest connection with mainland China. Because there is so much CIA involvement in the dope traffic, they could have an interest in planting such bum steets. Please be very careful with this part of your piece.

Hunt was CIA. I am sure he was the Frank Bender, major engineer of the Bay of Pigs. He should recognize his name from The Watergate Caper, the bugging of the Democrats. He has disappeared and the FBI has mobilized all its facilities to assure he is not found. So, they haven't found him. Now they are not looking because he has a lawyer who promises to deliver him, after all appropriate preparations are made, of course. Hunt was CIA for 20 years said to end 1970. She he was with L&W, literary agents, while workin with CIA, rather for it. It just happens to coincide with the time they killed a deal I had with the Sat. Eve. Post. And for a book that said Oswald was intelligence!

This is going to be a much bigger story than indicated if the whole truth it told. I have much more than I can now report. I add this to my request, should it be possible for you to do any checking, because of the overall story and because of my personal interest in the loss of \$10,000 plus what could have happened to the first underground book if this deal had not been killed so mysteriously. I may want to sue CIA.

Sorry the photocopy is so poor. I can't afford the adjustment the machine needs nor a new supply of copying paper. One, the second of his admitted diplomatic assignments is as an attache at the Mexico City embassy. One of the things missing is any picture of this cat, very uneline for so prolific an author, none of whose publishers seem to have any pix or to have done any promos. I think it possible a Mexico City paper may have one, unless he remained permanently in the tunnels. It could be important. As recently as yesterday the Wash Post said they could find no picture. The White House connects he has are even better than indicated, and what has not been indicated is the even better ones of the strange p.r. agency for which he worked simultaneously. It also has done CIA work (Radio Free Cuba admitted) and I have reason to suspect is current milking treasury fro Republican Party. If you have any Castroite connections, they should be able to be helpful, for the two top guys in this seemingly nutty venture (100% of those identified virulently anti-Castro and farfararout right) were the two top guys in Bat Pigs preparations. I sure would like to have what the Cuban government has and am in a position to get it to the right people as of now, those suing for the Democratic Party. They are going to get into court and they are now trying to depose some witnesses. The can't do it to the accused and arrested, under the 5th Amendment. All the lawyers whose parts I know connected with the defense have done CIA work or work that was in its interest. So, with all these guys having had past CIA connections and the manifestati of current CIA interest in some plus the prima facie case that one of its men killed a deal I had while working for the CIA for a book the CIA didn't like, it is a bit hairier than the usual complication of this character.

I do hope something at least on the Mexican end, involving financing, appeared in your papers there. Brief mention only here. Hurried best and apologies for typos,