

Dear Les,

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Because you didn't phone I presume you are off on another story.

With a break in the weather I plan to spend time trying to work outside today, as much as I am able to do. I've been doing some of it, little at a time, and have been able to do more than I could the end of last summer. This meant not starting off as usual this morning, getting into what requires concentration. As I was sitting and thinking about various matters intending to get into what I could start and stop without problems and after skimming the WxPost my mind turned to what may make you better stories than the CIA and its drug and mind-bending operations promise.

There is much but I don't know what would interest "ewsday. I'll tell you what interests me, in confidence except that I presume you have to talk to Sylvan Fox. (If I'll does any copying this morning before the mailman comes I'll try to remember to include a page of a CIA record that tries to smear him a bit over his JFK book.)

Jim and I have the CIA in what even for it is a couple of bad positions in court. One involves the Epstein book Legend, which I believe to be for all practical purposes a "black book." The CIA gave him what it has withheld from me under FOIA for several years. That case is not on appeal, where we have sought to introduce new evidence that has them reacting hysterically. The court has not ruled. Our more recent filings have not been expunged, as the government asked. No word either way from the court. We have also given the court problems in this because we have given it proof that the CIA defrauded the district court.

In the other case involving the CIA I have actually charged it with fraud-literally. We are now empowered to exercise discovery. As soon as he can Jim will move to depose three CIA types. We have every expectation of them trying to stonewall this and of establishing perjury if they do not succeed.

Coinciding in time with these CIA developments is something we never observed is what we never observed when our court battles were against the FBI. There has been a systematic garbology on Jim Lesar. He discovered it by accident. They had put the trash out in plastic bags and found more to dispose of. When they took it out they discovered that their trash was gone. They figured that the trash men had come early. Until they later went out for another purpose and discovered that no other trash in the neighborhood had been collected. This has happened for the past three weeks, always on Mondays and this week also yesterday. They went a bit far yesterday - took his morning paper, too.

I've put in a lead to the National Enquirer on this because it is the kind of thing they love to do and more because they'll spend the money necessary to catch and identify those who are doing this and for whom, if possible. I have not heard yet. Catching them (or anyone else) going over the waste paper of a lawyer handling cases against both FBI and CIA might just cause a stir. It should.) Unfortunately, with not being able to drive to Washington there has been little I could do except seek help from a distance.

There is another CIA domestic activity that has never been exposed. I believe that E. Howard Hunt ran it. (Well, there is more than one of which I know. Here I am addressing one only.) It is not unknown that it planted books it wanted to be published. I am certain it also violated the First Amendment by preventing publication of books it did not want and that this extended to my first book.

When it became clear to me that there was no real Watergate investigation I did some of my own, as best I could from the side of the mountain. I know much about Hunt that did not come out. I had a long, angry and in otherwise also bad book done before Nixon resigned. I've never had a chance to read the draft. Since then a little of what was not known did come out.

Hunt had a New York cover in a literary agency to which the original Saturday Evening Post sent me when there was the expectation it would buy the serial rights to Whitewash.

I dealt with one of the partners in Littaur and Wilkinson, Max Wilkinson. In six weeks he had killed the deal I took to him for a reason that was proven to be spurious. Not long thereafter he said the book could not be published. Prior to accepting representation he had read the ms. and was excited by it and its possibilities.

The firm was then at 500 5th. There is a CIA front foundation I've not been able to check thoroughly - Littaur Foundation. My checking does show its expenditure of large sums outside its supposed area of interest, as well as in it.

The Hunt setup let him receive calls in Washington when the people who phoned him thought they were speaking to him at the New York number they'd dialed.

This began about 1965. In a couple of years Hunt's part moved overtly to Washington, where he used another cover address. This part gets a bit hairy and is what led me into that part of Watergate and much not yet public.

The cover address is that of the Mullen Agency. Yes, I am telling you that while Hunt was still officially in CIA he was also with this agency. He became vice president and after his retirement for a while considered buying it. (He then had a connection with the father of the man he and his operation did bug successfully in Demo. HQ.)

This is also to say that Helms did commit perjury before the Ervin committee in saying that the CIA got Hunt a job with Mullen only after Hunt retired. Nonsense. In those pre-retirement days Hunt also tried to set up his own agency, again using the same cover address. They were very careless about this because when I learned it I was able to trace more to it. Sit tight - including subsidy of the campaign to get Justice Douglas impeached. That was aided by Hunt in his aid with a book that was part of the campaign, done by his Mullen Agency office mate. They used the Mullen address in everything. This same guy is the lawyer who first represented the Watergaters who were caught. (Ford knew him and plugged a later anti-labor book after Ford was President. Ford, you may recall, led the attack on Douglas, with a sordid episode involving the same lawyer he later used to negotiate with Nixon. Am I saying that Ford knew Hunt and this other cat, C. Douglas Caddy, before Watergate? I think so?)

There is more here. There was a Mullen Mexico City connection, including a man who was there and in Washington and who left Washington coinciding with the breaking of the Watergate story. Sold his house that fast. The address appears to be that of the building in which the lawyer who laundered that money had his ~~mixx~~ office or where that bank was or both.

With a few leads from blabbermouth Hunt's running off at the mouth and some help from Jim in getting me copies of ~~xxx~~ pages of the city directory I specified I am certain I figured out where the CIA's Washington station was. Yup, Chevy Chase. Was a station there. It was under a military cover in the same building as ~~awday's~~ bureau. Hunt had a "publishing" staff there, dozen or so. I think it was also anti-publishing. I am not certain if it had any connection with still another CIA front for keeping tabs on what Americans were saying - inside the US. Their uses here included private, commercial agencies the manager of one of which ~~blabbed~~ <sup>blabbed</sup> to me that in my field I held the ~~air~~ track record.)

The man who appears to have been in over-all charge of the CIA's illicit domestic activity was shifted once Watergate broke to I think NSA. Ober, some of people of once-famous literary agency, Ober, NYU. Still going strong. I learned this only after a friend got me in touch with them to handle my Watergate book! (They said that what I actually did could not be done so they couldn't handle the book. I've got the correspondence. I luck into all of them don't I?)

There are other interesting connections. I'd rather not try to repeat and evaluate all from memory. As I was showing Jim how to do the necessary traces (those that were possible for me, not all there should have been) and he had learned fast we were soon onto - Tongsum Park. Through close if not identical addresses. We were onto many CIA

fronts this way, assets and proprietaries. And the George Town Club - owned by Park and big in Hunt's anti-Kennedy writings, novels, vicious ones.

Top spooks in this Club, a members-only deal on Wisconsin Ave, heart of Georgetown.

(Side question of current interest- was their KCIA or Korean CIA involvement?)

Now there is a question about whether or not if we ask Hunt would talk. He has been closemouthed. However, I think I have what could entice him - what will enable him to overcome some difficult legal barriers in his suit against the nut Weberman and his publisher, who should be punished for what they did. I did caution Weberman in advance of publication over what he had already said about Hunt - and taped that call.

Hunt could also say that the White House was after him to run a p.r. agency for it before it established The Pumbbers. This was when Hunt was still CIA and also at Mullen - and coincides with his establishing his own agency. It died when the White House proposal died. I have proofs on this and a number of those who did testify on Watergate who were involved never mentioned this.

I think the chances are good that a real investigation would establish that the CIA tried to adversely interest publishers in my work if not also in others. Whitewash does suggest that Oswald worked for American intelligence agency. How much chance do you think there is that with Hunt there and with besides him only one other person besides the two partners that he had no knowledge at all when they knew he was spooking through them?

By the way, Wilkinson then also was Hunt's agent. The firm broke up after Littaur died. Wilkinson operated as an agent from his Long Island home after that.

I've rambled on because this is off the top of the head. (maybe there is an "e" in "Littauer." Those records are in my dead files.)

Delayed by phone calls so please excuse the need of correcting. If I do that this won't get out until Monday.

Best to all,