

Phone conversations with Plissner, associated with Dan Schorr, CBS News, and John Lindsay, Newsweek, before and during supper 2/15/73.

P phoned in response to my letter to Schorr, L in response to that to Elfin.

From H, to whom I am giving a Hunt check tomorrow, the White House is the source of the anti-CIA campaign. From H, there is to be three top CIA indictments. I said you gave me no names. I'll give them to you: Helms, Cushman and Walters. He said if we were on a rifle range I'd expect you to shoot only bullseyes. I said that this could be quite independent of the tapes' destruction and I had written about it during the summer.

P and I discussed the Mullen leaks. He added nothing but he is to check and see if they have more and to see if he can find the copy on the b'casts for me.

L apologized for not calling me when Elfin told him to, months ago. Horrock was busy in California. The note got lost in the WG stack.

The line in my letter that turned him on is the one saying a major part of the story is hidden in his building. He knew that Hunt had worked there but depended on a source, a scared friend, who said nothing. (also known as investigative reporting!)

He is to get back next week. I reminded him of my terms to Elfin and said they had not changed. We did have a confidential but wide-ranging conversation that lasted through some of the local news, all the NBC evening news and most of CBS's.

The WH is about to uncork on Jaworski. He thinks over milk fund. I said J also had other clients that could suit and I told him about Jaworski's past, surprising him.

Also about Post sitting on it.

Talked about Ford and hearings-perjury; my unreported suit (and several others).

Ray decision.

Some assassination stuff.

New White House counterattack about to start. This is the big one.

Scott known in WH as blabbermouth. Told what they want to get around, not told anything else.

Nixon and property-Dean.

He believes Dean when Dean says with no apparent reason to lie that when papers left his hands no restriction on Hoffa. Added afterward.

~~Some~~ Some Newsweek Hoffa stories killed. Told Partin end. Offered deposition.

We covered much when I could not make notes. Supper got cold while we talked. Not at desk. He stopped several times as though to take or complete notes.

Gave him indication extent assassination material, generalities some stories.

We discussed public domain problems. I suggested that if he comes up he bring tape recorder and we have a record to eliminate confusion. He agreed.

Discussed (non)publishability and reasons.

Suddenly sources who have been talking have dried up. Completely. WH counterattack?

One case from past, Hunt and Panamanian assassination. Sources later denied. I told him a) from Hunt novel; b) already used; c) no reason to believe Hunt did any real narcotics work.

Plissner has been unable to trace Hunt's Riggs account to any branch. At first I told him of check I have and said I'd think of giving, then I called back and arranged to give tomorrow. Told what is on face and endorsements and stamps. He did not know what Bittman out, presumed over excessive fees. I said conflict and I was interested in what. He did not know that Hunt got money vis Hogan & Hartson and did not know that the WH money Hunt got did not go as fees to Bittman but to firm. I told him firm had handled CIA cases.

All they know of Bennett/CIA is Singapore case, where man eased in Mullen from vice one expelled. I told him Cuban Freedom Committee stuff, that the documents in the Ervin wrong, and corrected them. Then referred to and read from Ex 142. He did not know of Cuban so I explained interrelations, extent financing, etc.

More but no notes, tired and can't remember.

HW 2/15/74