The government's first leads to Donald Segretti and his special variations of dirty-works was came from checking Hunt's phone calls. Then they learned that Hunt met with Segretti in Miami when the Watergate bugging was being planned. With what "unt was known to have been into any leads from him should have been followed. Unless all were traced to the end of the trail. the investigation was a whitewash and the investigators intended a whitewash. There was no practical limit on their resources, and the statistics on the use of these resources were the one claim to thoroughness ever made. However, with Segrettivandak Hunt's connection to Segretti established and with his connect to the crime already charged in the indictment, in the word of Time magazine dated October 23, 1968, "The Justice Department investigators, under the command of Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, did not pursue the Segretti connection."

Only when the stench from the leaks became intolerable to the Justice Department and then too late and for too little was Segretti indicted, in far-from-Washington Florida.