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Dear Congressman Patman,

Congratulations on your determination to do something about the deep subversion that has come to be known by the diminutive The Watergate. Obviously, a legitimate legislative purpose is to be served. I hope it will be possible for you to conduct a full investigation, with subpoena power.

I have had an interest in this affair for reasons that have not yet come to light. It seems to be a logical political extension of some CIA domestic intelligence activities in which I have reason to believe I was a victim. There is much about Mr. Hunt that has not yet been reported, as there is about the public-relations agency of which he was more than just a hired pen. I have evidence in my possession and know where to look for more. It has been beyond my capability.

From my own earlier work on the Hill I know that committee jurisdictions often overlap. I'm not too certain I know the limitations on your committee's jurisdiction. What follows is partly fact, partly conjecture. The Mullen agency, of which Hunt was a director and vice president, had and has government contracts. You know the classic intelligence financing is indirect. Mullen acknowledges work for the CIA. The case of which I know was in the area of Hunt's Bay of Pigs work for the Agency, I believe in a role more significant than indicated and with results much more serious and potentially disastrous than has been indicated in the press. The work Mullen admits doing for HEW is ludicrous as described, just doesn't make sense. I have asked the White House for information about this and have been fobbed off with spurious reasons. I invoked the Freedom of Information law. The interesting thing is that Mr. Dean's rejection of the requests I made to Mr. Clawson constitutes an admission that Hunt was working for the White House at the time of his crimes. Mr. Dean didn't respond in any way to my request for information about the Mullen contracts.

I have also asked Mr. Dean for information about moneys paid the President for the President's own use of his own San Clemente home and for the cost to the taxpayers of permanent improvements in the property. He has not yet had time to respond to this request.

According to press reports, you have just issued a report. I would appreciate a copy of this and any prepared statements you have made and any hearings you have held or will hold. It is possible that because of some of my experience and writing, which involves some of the people already charged and may have to do with unexposed associates, what may not hold meaning for others might for me. If you can spare a second copy of your report, I have an associate who would like to read it.

Keep up this worthwhile effort. If I can help in any way, please ask. Your staff is welcome to what data I have, including some FBI reports on some of the parties, coming from Warren Commission files, biographical data, etc.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg