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Dear Jeff,

Kwitny's is the best review by far I've seen in Posner's book, although I disagree with what he says about Ruby and Marcello and I know some is wrong. But it is by far the most perceptive and I intend to quote a few grafs. ^{Do} I need the 'Times' permission? If so, to whom do I write? If you are in touch with Kwitny, please convey my respect and admiration for seeing and saying what so far as I know not a single other one has.

To refer to Livingstone's stuff as shit is to infect toilets. I've started to write a full answer for the historical record. No way of ^{catching} ~~acting~~ up with a first print of 50,000+ But as two examples (I have the book and yours is the sixth set of xeroxes of what this index, shows, but even that is lousy.) Most if not much is not in it, and not just about me. Many, many people.

I was never in psywar, in OSS or anywhere, and I got not a bit of training of any kind from the OSS. They asked the army for me because I needed no training to be an analyst and a writer. I was also used as a troubleshooter (boast, boast) when others had failed, but not ^{at} ~~was~~ spooking. I even cleaned up on my first job after the quite good lawyers in the OSS failed. A brave crew had been framed by the MPs, all appeals were exhausted, and Donovan had that job waiting for me when my security was cleared. Six weeks later those men, of what was known as "The Paris Case," not after the city but a after the sergeant in charge, were free. Gave me quite a rep and that led to other jobs, including from counterintelligence for the White House.

He lies and knows he lies about Hunt. The truth is that Garrison's chief investigator, Louis Ivin, asked me to take a manuscript copy of the fake French spook book, Farewell America, to Hunt. Paul Rothermel, his chief of security then, told me a ticket would await me at the airport, a ride at the statue of the Texas ranger at Love Field, and a hotel room. I accepted the ticket, but that was not money to me. I would have paid for it. And aside from a single, or perhaps two, Scotches and water from his former chief of security, Livingstone's lying source, I got nothing else. No other tickets even. The Hunt sons forced Rothermel and others as ordinary thieves and they seek vengeance, with Harry the perfect dope for it.

Very helpful, thanks. If you see anything on the anniversary, and I'll be asleep for the shows, be glad to have it to read and for the historical record.

Best from us both,

Harold

Jeff Prugh

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Dear Harold,

Herewith materials I hastily photocopied from Livingston's book (I can send the book to you, if you want it).

Also, a Jonathan Kwitny review that takes apart Posner's book. (Jonathan & I were classmates at U. of Missouri in '62).

Will watch with interest JFK stories about to spread all over the place.

Good cheer and health to you and Lil. Regards,
Jeff.