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Dear Mr. Grunwald,

Please take it as a wish for good, not bad luck, when I say I most sincerely hope that Charles Colson sues you for libel, as forecast by today's Evans-Novak column. Fighting that could lead you and TIME to the most significant journalistic accomplishments of your careers.

If it happens, I think I can help and I'm certainly willing to.

I do not pretend to know anything about Colson that has not been published. However, I know much about his man Hunt that has not been published. There is the potential of a scandal much greater than the exposed part of the affair. I have filed a request for information under the Freedom of Information law that the White House has yet to acknowledge. Dean's response to the part limited to Hunt is fascinating and informative, if he did not provide that data, either.

It is possible that public monies were used in this affair. The machinery existed and was used.

Who Hunt really is and what he has really done outside the Watergate has not been really reported. His path and mine seem to have crossed, much to my disadvantage, back in 1965. He seems to have been engaged in a domestic Department of Dirty Tricks, a kind of foreclosed domestic intelligence, and for the CIA. The CIA denies such activities but the denial is specious. I have carbon copies of some of its surveillance of some of my own public appearances.

As soon as I clean up some pressing matters, I intend writing a lead-and-summary to see if I can sponsor some interest in what I have already established, beyond possibility of question by the reasonable.

So, I hope Colson is crazy enough to sue you and force you into the investigation that is not difficult but is at this moment more than I alone can tackle.

I think you might in the end come to wonder if one of Colson's purposes might not be to bring about changes in the libel laws, now that Nixon has packed the courts as FDR never dreamed of being able to do.

Good luck!

Harold Weisberg