

Dear Ed, It is a fortunate accident that Laytner's Up Against Howard Hughes came today because of several other accidents which enabled me to read much of it. I had to abandon planned work. Lil has been unwell for several days. She has slept little. The weather has been miserably hot and the air more polluted than ever recorded hereabouts. I have a small air conditioner in my office. We depend on the large one in Lil's and the next largest in the kitchen. All are very old and very noisy. When we are sitting facing the kitchen, I turn that one off and use the one in my office instead, which avoids a draft on us. Well, Lil dozed off after lunch. She needed the sleep so much I was afraid to make a sound, certainly not turn air conditioners on and off. When the little one is on in my little office it gets too cold to stay in it. So, I could not do much. I started the book and read through Clifford Irving. To p.138 and I suspect past whatever you had in mind. I found one aspect of Intertel particularly fascinating. Fast and much as you read, I do hope you'll remember this and that Hundley, one of the founders, is important to me now. I also think it would be better not to discuss this angle with the marginal and real nuts, who will go crazy. In a few minutes the hourly news will be on and after I learn what if anything (and I suspect little will be said immediately) transpired between our Glorious Leaders, Senior and Junior, I've got to brave the elements and chew up some grass and weeds, for which I'll have only about a half hour before supper, hence this brevity and no explanations. Except one: the chapter "It never Entered My Mind", on Cox, is incomplete. I couldn't do the other part until certain of where it will be. I can't use the other and I'm inclined to believe more serious conflict Cox has through his brother until I know. I am not unaware of it, if you know. Hughes and his money sure get around! Thanks, HW 9/1/73

Js- Hunt vice president DC public relations firm representing Hughes, who is represented by Cox's brother, who used the Intertel outfit Mitchell's lawyer Hundley started, with former and continuing associate Peloguin. So it is not with regard to Hughes alone that Cox should disqualify himself. Makes me wonder who really picked him out, as I think I noted before. Unless you have special interest in Hughes or Maheu or Intertel, the book is not worth the time. If you do, it is published by Manorxx paperback. ...The naps was what Lil needed. She slept sitting up for four hours and looks like always, so I'm sure glad I didn't make any noises. She'll be sending a note on acupuncture articles in some health mags she gets for your files on it.