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Dear Barry,

Because you can read faster than I can talk, I write my thanks and offer what I hope may be a tangible return for your kindness with the Hunt proofs.

I had time to read the first four graf<sup>s</sup> only, as I walked to where I had left my brief case before returning home. I write about the second graf.

To encourage a willingness to credit what may seem offbeat, I invoke my experience as an intelligence analyst. Please read this graf not as a reporter who has to justify what he writes but to see if you ~~can~~<sup>can</sup> find a legitimacy in what I suggest.

The reference to the Dominican affair of 1965. I avoid characterization of his language not to influence your judgement.

For my own reasons I have run my own amateur psychiatric profile on Hunt. It says he is dominated by a compulsion to self-justification - in every aspect of his life, private and professional.

I am suggesting that he may well have been the author of the monstrous fake CIA fed to Johnson and many others that led to our invasion and the end of the short-lived free elections there.

In those days I did not plan writing more than my first book on the JFK assassination. I was researching a book tentatively titled Asson in the State Department (where I also worked). I have given most of these files away to a young scholar who had no interest in Latin America, so if it interests you and your morgue did not preserve them, I have an abundance of clippings on that situation.

Dan Kurzman was the Post's Latin-America expert in those days. I recall a Dominican series he did, with a vague recollection of some consequences. When last I heard of Dan, he was living in or near New York City and taking graduate courses at Columbia.

The AFL-CIO had a Latin-American department that was one of its adjuncts of official policy and official spookery. The late Serafino Romouldi ran it. Some of his/its operations were beyond question with the CIA. This suggests the possibility that someone remaining in that operation or retired from it may know whether or not Hunt had any association with operations other than Guatemala and Cuba. Henry Zon may be able to provide some leads to such people. Until about that time he worked for the AFL-CIO.

Meanwhile, I look forward to catching up on the current so I can read Hunt.

Sincerely,