

B. Howard Hunt, Richard Helms, CIA perjury before Senate Watergate committee 6/12/92

At the time of the Watergate scandal I was asked separately by two German publishers to write a book, one after the other, an one after the other they decided not to get interested, all in a ~~max~~ short period of time. But I continued and in the end evolved a badly-written ms I've not read. However, I did develop information never used by others, including Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward. I'd know Carl when he was a boy because we had known his parents before World War II. In the course of this work I developed a source that should have been obvious in all investigations and wasn't approached by any, a source I must still protect. It was one of the means by which, as I think I said in the statement intended for Congressional committees to which Jim Meser was to give it (and I've heard nothing about this from him to date), I learned that Hunt worked at the Mullen agency while he was CIA. Helms testified to the Watergate committee that he got Hunt a job with Mullen after Hunt retired. That was perjury. It now, by accident, turns out that through no effort by it the Watergate committee knew that Helms perjured himself.

One of the records referred to other agencies by the FBI that I should have gotten in one of my lawsuits and didn't is a memo from the Houston FBI to headquarters and to Dallas of 4/8/77. It was intended to relate to investigation after George DeMunnenschildt killed himself, as the first page says. There is no redaction on the record, no claim to national security or any other to withhold. But the FBI referred it to the CIA 15 years ago. The CIA cleared it for disclosure 9/23/88 following which the FBI did 1/26/89 and then did not disclose to me. ^{unfiled 5/11/92} I think the explanation is in the final paragraph.

The woman who had operated as a public stenographer in Washington in Washington a short walk from Hunt's Mullen office told the FBI that in 1960 she had typed the budget for the Bay of Pigs for Hunt "to accompany a report also typed up for Hunt, then employed by the CIA and working under the cover of the Mullen company..." The FBI says that she gave this information to Sam Dash, identified as "an investigator during the Watergate investigation." He in fact was that committee's chief counsel, and it did not use it.

Any real Watergate investigation would have developed the proof I did that while ^{Hunt} he was still with CIA and under the Mullen cover he was also involved in the campaign to get Justice Douglas impeached, through his Mullen's associate, Douglas Gaddy, who it happens was also the first lawyer for the five caught in the Watergate breakings. It would also have learned, as I did, that there is a possible CIA/Mullen link to the laundering of the CREEP money that figured in the investigation in Mexico City. And that still another of Hunt associates disappeared from Washington at the time of the breakin and was involved with Mullen and its Mexico City operation, never mentioned in the hearings. (I was led to this confidential source by what was public knowledge ^{in 6/12/92} about Hunt. I gave the information I developed but not the source to Woodward and Bernstein. Bennett of Mullen was a Woodward source and the Post protected Bennett in return so they did not use what I gave them. In fact, neither the Post nor the committee used the fact that when Hunt was on the lam he remained in contact with Bennett. Whether or not with the intent both the Post and the committee covered up the CIA's direct Watergate involvement that may not have been limited to Hunt and I think was not.

FBI

Date: 4/8/77

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2115)
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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Enclosed for the Bureau are one typewriter ribbon and typewriter samples.

For information of the Bureau, the enclosed typewriter ribbon was removed from a typewriter which was found in the vehicle of GEORGE DE MOHRNSCHILDT shortly after his death.

Houston is unaware of the actual owner of the typewriter.

These items are being furnished the Bureau so that they will be available if any comparative tests are to be conducted at a future date. No specific request of the Lab is being made at this time.

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On 4/4/77, Mrs. NICKUM was contacted telephonically by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH. Mrs. NICKUM advised that during the period 1959 to 1971, she operated a typing and public stenographer service in Washington, D. C., operating first as Helen Nickum Public Stenographer and later as Helen Nickum and Associates. She was located originally at 1741 K Street, Washington, D. C., then later at 1747 K Street, then finally at 1847 1/2 L Street.

Mrs. NICKUM related that on the day President KENNEDY was buried in November, 1963, she was called upon by BOOTH MOONEY to retype a manuscript for resubmission to the publisher for republication. The manuscript was for a book written by MOONEY and first printed in 1956 by the Hearst Avon Publishing Company, and entitled "The Lynden Johnson Story."

Mrs. NICKUM advised she had read the first edition of this book when it was originally published in 1956, and she subsequently read the December, 1963, edition which was reviewed by the "Washington Post" in February, 1964. She said the second edition varied from the first only in that two new chapters, the first and the last, had been added to the book. The first chapter dealt solely on the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. NICKUM continued that the author of the book, BOOTH MOONEY, had been an executive assistant to LYNDEN JOHNSON, and that after leaving JOHNSON, he represented the Hunt Oil Company in Washington, D. C. He subsequently returned to the service of LYNDEN JOHNSON.

Mrs. NICKUM observed that the MOONEY manuscript, which was given her to retype in November, 1963, was very clean and could have been submitted as it was. She speculated that the only reason it may have been retyped was to renumber the pages to account for the inclusion of the new first and last chapters.

Mrs. NICKUM further claims that in 1960, she had typed up a budget for the "Bay of Pigs" invasion to accompany a report also typed up for HOWARD HUNT, then employed by the CIA, and working under the cover of the Mullen Company, a management consulting firm in Washington, D. C. She said this was in approximately 1960. She said that she had given all of this information to SAM DASH, an investigator, during the Watergate investigation of 1973.