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Agnew seems to have fallen under the spell of the Devil Hunt and to have followed this Devil in his planned novel. Even in names. His "chief character," which seems to be less than Cheshire saying here, is Porter Newton Canfield, all names suggesting Watergate: Bart Porter, John Newton Mitchell and Caulfield, which is close to Canfield as Canfield itself is the name of one close to the Kennedys (at Harpers). (Cass)

"Wealthy and aristocratic Ivy League politician", even in the plural, also suggests Kennedy.

"Philadelphia's Main Line" is close to Brookline as it is also a close enough duplication of Hunt's Senator Vare in The Coven. There are other chichi Eastern addresses.

Canfield's academic honors coming from wealth is reminiscent of Teddy's problems and their collegiate end.

If Agnew could not say of himself, "cultivates the press," it can be said of Kennedys, all of them.

Similarly there can be interest in other names because of strong suggestions, like a TV news "anchorman" who^{se} middle initial is K; the Majority Leader, Gray, etc.

(And Hunt tells me he is doing "pisitive" things?)