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Dear Mr. Banzhaf,

Thanks for your move in federal court seeking appointment of a special prosecutor in the Watergate case. I have followed the case closely and share your misgivings that neither party asked for it. I have other reasons for additional misgivings.

This business has already been whitewashed in ways other than the sources and uses of the money and the making of reports, etc.

Should it interest you, I have a fairly complete file of newspaper clippings on the case. I also have other files dealing with some of the principals and their associates. This includes FBI reports on several. Then the FBI withheld information from the Warren Commission.

Hunt is of particular interest to me, as my enclosed letter to Ken Clawson indicates. I have substantial reason to believe his association with the Mullen agency did not end as reported, that his role in it was other than reported, and that if not currently, then relatively recently there remained a connection. I also believe he is the mysterious Frank Bender of the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the man who came close to launching World War III, and that Barker was then his second-in-command, known as Bernie. I have found no record of any code names like those immediately leaked as soon as he was identified, "Bauardo" for him and "Macho" for Bender.

During his CIA employment Hunt claimed an association with an unidentified company known to me to be a literary agency. His appearance there roughly coincides with their representation of me. I have reason to believe that he was also connected with the Mullen agency while working for the CIA.

It may well be that asking for a special prosecutor does not appear to their counsel to be in the interests of the Democratic Party. But what is at issue and at stake transcends such limited interest. Aside from this, all the indicted were federal spooks or agents of various kinds, FBI, CIA or both. Some got special military training. There is this added bureaucratic interest in a cover-up. Moreover, with Hunt working for Mullen and the White House at the same time, then engaging in this endeavor, and simultaneously the agency has a \$100,000 contract in which it and Hunt served no apparent purpose, the inference of taxpayer subsidy of the crime ought not be rejected out of hand, in my view. The agency, by the way, has worked for the CIA, too, and in the Cuban area. George Meany had a representative on the board of its "front".

With at least six of the seven charged having worked for the CIA and at least three having worked for the FBI, investigation by the FBI and prosecution by Justice is not going to bring everything to light.

Good luck - for all of us!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg