

CBS TV a.m. news today had about 15 minutes live of Bernard Barker, from Miami, interviewed by Gernard Goldberg (who had only the obvious knowledge of fact). There was nothing of consequence new on it but it was a further interesting self-characterization by Barker. He is so totalitarian in his belief and so far from bright or even sophisticated, so much the creature of his fascism, that he would be easy to get to say things if questioned by competent and informed people. It is also interesting that his concept of his own needs keeps him from criticizing others, even at this late date Hunt. He can't say that Hunt deceived them and he apparently does not believe that Hunt did. What was new, at least in my recollection, is his broad inference, just short of a flat statement, that what he was part of was a NSA job. This is where he explained the Ellsberg job and that when he was ~~ix~~ told what it entailed and asked why not FBI or CIA, he was told FBI hog-tied and CIA no jurisdiction. (Imagine his not knowing that -as though he didn't!) He said quotes of him to the effect that the USSR embassy had been bugged are inaccurate, that he had been told by Hunt only that there had been an interception of communication but not what kind of communication. He did not know who had delivered the Pentagon papers to the embassy and if he knew when, which is more important than appears, he was not asked. It was after they started to appear in the Times. HW 1/7/74