

Cushman, Robert Everton, Who's Who, 1970-1

Precisely the gaps I expected are in his scanty biography. He lists no military service from the time of commissioning (2d Lt., 1935) until his double listing for the identical period, 1957-61. One is "asst. to v.p. for national security affairs" and the other is "de. bd. control U.S. Naval Inst. Proc." For the interval only "advanced through grades to maj. gen., 1958." Or, he made general when he was with Nixon. (I think Hunt referred to him as colonel.) Some time in 1962 until some time in 1964, "Asst Chief staff USMC." From here, "comdt.gen USMC Base, Camp Pendleton, Cal." The next is unclear and follows this without semi-colon: "from 1964, later, cmdr 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, Vietnam, until 1969;" then "dep dir. CIA, 1969--."

This guy has to be a career spook whose significant elevations were Nixon's. As soon as Nixon became President he made him dep. dir. CIA, and he was there for four years when, to the surprise of the Pentagon and partly because of the importance of his CIA work, Nixon put him at the top of the Marines.

Unlike most career military, he does not flaunt all his foreign service. Only VN is mentioned and that only once.

This seems to account for how he and Hunt could have shared an office at CIA, which surely would not have happened when he was with Nixon and his military advisor. That has to have been before Nixon's terms as v.p. or at least when he was advisor. Maybe only before he made general, but I'd think that with the other coinciding assignment beginning in 1967, he'd have been much higher in rank by then than to share any office with Hunt. So, I think this means that at some time when he was of lower rank he and Hunt had the same CIA office. This can be figured fairly closely should it serve a purpose from elimination of Hunt's overseas assignments.

There is an alternative not indicated by Cushman's bio., that he was also in a spook job overseas. I think if this were the case for any long period of time he'd have had a military cover for it and would have indicated it. It would be pretty conspicuous in any checking if he did not, because he would have been publicly known as having held that assignment so every foreign spookery would have know that and assume what I do.

Makes the whole thing ever so much more interesting.

~~His connections probably account for his not becoming a chief~~