

Lawyer - John Eric Powell 7/14/72

Dear Bob Woodward,

Although it is not clear beyond question, I think two things in Jim Mann's story on Caddy this morning ^{are} ~~is~~ subject to one particular interpretation.

Caddy is quoted as "asserting" that he "was acting as attorney for two other persons", "Hunt and "Mr. X".

Then he told Sirica about refusing to answer question before the grand jury, "I did so upon the instructions of my clients."

This can mean that he was in touch with both Hunt and "Mr. X" after the grand jury was announced.

The final graph on page 1 of the early edition quotes government prosecutors as describing how Caddy appeared to represent the five men who, on arrest, "declined offers to make telephone calls."

May I make two suggestions? One, the possibility of arrest was discussed in advance and plans made for that, plans the only apparent purpose of which had to be to hide associates. Two, aside from these plans, there remained another means of associates knowing of the arrest. As I remember, with these men, a walkie-talkie was picked up. If there need be no connection, for many can have walkie-talkies, one report had it that a walkie-talkie was found in Hunt's desk.

The one thing that would appear to be unlikely is the contact through Barker's wife. The stories on time eliminate that. The arrest was at 2:30. The story is that if she had not heard from him by 3 there was trouble. The half-hour difference can't account for what remained uncompleted, if only the cleaning up, which would have required more time.

Bearing on this if the quoted Caddy admission that his involvement began at midnight. This has to mean that he was part of the operation, not just a lawyer called afterward. Why should he have been called or made a call at midnight when there was no arrest until two and a half hours later?

News stories refer to the numerous defense lawyers in this case, sometimes without