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Hunt/Mullen/Ford/ Caddy/ etcetc. /CONFIDENTIAL HW 11/27/73

Caddy established The New Majority Publishing Company, a corporation whose papers I have not checked, before 3/13/73. On that day he contracted telephone answering service, giving Mullen and Hunt as references. As its address he gave 1737 H St., NW Washington, which then was Mullen's address. Vice president was W.R. Norman Larsen, whose address was 1530 W St., NW. Used Answering Service address & phone.

From recollection, Mullen's earlier Washington address was 910 19 St., NW. After 1737 move was to 1700 Penna. Ave., NW. There were New York City addresses 420 Lexington 1960 and 1314 Panam Bldg 1965. Names connected with the NY office: Jane Leer, Ruth Erbb (right), James Shattuck and Jean Sanderson. The move to 1737 was in 1957. Believe began 1955.

Earl Minderman divided his time between the Washington and Mexico City offices. It is said that when he was not in Washington he was to be phoned at the offices at 7th floor, Pasado (sic) de La Reforma, Mexico DF 1, 352267.

Cleaves Herbert, a senior vice president of General Foods, was in the Mullen offices in Washington for a while. Note Caddy was said to have been General Foods.

Other names connected with Mullen: FNU Cushing; Mrs. Konowalski; Elizabeth Cloclough (v.p.); Amanda Abernathy (Amanda's Hairdressers, 812 17 NW); Allen Wilson; Mr. Fink; Janet Rice (her calls on Mullen's own phone); James Everett; FNU Bartlett; Ellen Blunt; Marilyn Schnitzer; Sherry Johnson (replaced 1967); Betty Marvel (employed 1959); Donald Dresden (used on campaign of National Committee for Educational TV). It would appear that there was no special phone instruction for Mullen's personal calls and that he was unknown to the operators. Hunt's special, separate line went through the answering service, despite the import of the Bennett deposition, but there never were any calls on it.

Mullen handled the Lodge 1964 campaign.

A caller was Virginia Langdon O'Connell.

Hunt got phone service for his E. Howard Hunt Associates 5/27/71. It lasted about two months. He gave as references Caddy and Mac S. Dunaway, both Suite 707, 1250 Conn. Ave., NW. He gave his Potomac phones as 299-7366 and 298-6650.

New Majority seems to have folded shortly after Dossier on Douglas appeared. There is a note that a new project was expected to be started shortly.

Comments: the New Majority one-shot seems to have commenced just prior to Ford's campaign to get Douglas impeached and to have ended with it.

Hunt's establishing of his own p.r. outfit was an obvious cover, with no separate identity except a letter head (pale blue simple lettering). ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Its end coincides with the beginning of his WH work, as its beginning seems to coincide with something that in my tiredness does not come to mind clearly.

There seems to be a coincidence in time between the beginning of the Ford campaign against Douglas and the Nixon police-state plan, Huston's dept.

The foregoing is the result of a rushed inquiry. There should be more.

At the time Hunt had his letterhead p.r. agency he was vice-president of Mullen getting \$125 a day. He seems to have had no need for his own outfit and if he had any legitimate plans for it, he seems not to have kept it in existence long enough to give it a chance. Thus I assume it was a cover of some kind. Note that when there was talk about Hunt leaving the WH payroll, Colson or Magruder asked about the public-relations operation getting under way.