

Jim, when I can I am catching up on the papers published during my absence in New York a month ago. I have just read the 5/8 Post story on Colson, by Ed Walsh. It says several interesting things about him, Hunt and their relationship, attributed, in quotes, to the Democrats' August deposition. Their friendship began in the 1950s. Could be fascinating, depending on when - and where Hunt then was. Like in Mexico, Guatemala, etc. (Hunt and Buckley met and became friends in Mexico.) They stayed friendly during the 1960s, of which other interesting things can be true. And Hunt was not hired because of the Papers' leak but to "research into the completeness, the accuracy, the authenticity, the facts as reported." That is not a job for a spook. It is for a scholar. I have in mind that if Bud does not have this transcript, Sheldon Cohen might let you have it long enough to get it xeroxed. I think it might well be worth the time and cost, which I would guess would not be too great. I haven't checked Colson out in Who's Who, but it would also be interesting to know where he was and what he was doing when this friendship started and grew. You have a tabulation prepared by a friend of mine giving all Hunt has said about where he was when. I have a hunch that if Colson did not get away with being too general, too evasive, we may be able to learn more from his deposition, or to piece a bit more together. If I have no reason to believe it would contribute to McCord's defense, I think that anything that can be learned about Hunt or the Nixon Mafia has the possibility. Perhaps Cohen would be willing to permit the xeroxing in his own office if he is reluctant to permit the transcript to leave it. ...Did you spot the Post story yesterday on the DC cop who seems to have been one of that gang's undercover men? I clipped it if you didn't. Is it possible that, if the DC police did provide the Creeps with a tax-payer paid spy, it gives credibility to McCord's claim that he believed he had official sanction, that what he did was within the law because of its sponsorship? Wonder how many more there were. Best, HW 6/4/73