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Agree with JL's speculation that Hunt and Shaw had considerable opportunity to have known each other for reasons which need no elaboration here.

As to his speculation that Hunt may have done his OSS stint in China with the Tai Li assassination seminar in Chungking, agree it's quite possible. But that's assuming Hunt ever was in China. In spite of his noting his CBI service in Who's Who, there's no objective evidence he ever was inside China for any length of time. In none of his writings that I've seen does he use a single bit of Chinese color or background detail, which would be pretty abstemious for a writer like Hunt.

Also re Tai Li, apparently no question he was the CIA's boy, but does JL know that Tai himself may have been assassinated. Sometime after the end of the war, I think during the Nanking-Communist negotiations under ~~Marshall~~^{Sun} Marshall, Tai was killed in a mysterious plane crash in the general area of Sianfu. I've always had a sneaking feeling that he may have been working up to a deal with Mao and Chou, just as the "Young Marshall" Chang Hsueh-liang had in 1936. jdw 3feb74