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Dear Mr. Martin,

I write you instead of the Senator's administrative-practices subcommittee because I have no desire to by-pass the hangup on me and because I want someone close to the Senator to be aware of the possibilities of embarrassment to him in the coming investigation of what can no longer be called a "caper". I do wish the investigation every success and if I can help it, as I believe I can, offer to. In my view it will deal with what is as genuinely subversive as anything I can recall looking back over 60 years, including personal investigation of the subversive beginning in the 1930s.

There are several areas in which any thorough investigation will have to or should touch upon what is related to the investigation of the assassination of the President and the President's policies and practices. I have perhaps a dozen FBI reports dealing with two of the people publicly identified as part of this, some with deceptions of the FBI and misdirecting the investigation and some with threats against the President before he was killed and consistent with this deception, saying it would be by Castroites. In turn, the FBI reports were themselves deceptive, hiding from the Warren Commission the known connections of the people involved, particularly in The Bay of Pigs disaster. The full import of this will not be apparent to you, as it relates to the hamstringing of that Commission by the FBI or to the FBI today. I hope you will consider taking my opinion that this can have significance and I will provide explanations if desired.

E. Howard Hunt has more of a past than has been publicized - this is fact - and in my opinion has been more important in the despicable things to be investigated than has yet become apparent.

I have made several Freedom of Information Act requests of the White House relating to him. The response of Mr. Dean is confirmation that Hunt worked for the White House during the time of the crime with which he is already charged. If you want this correspondence, I will provide it. Mr. Dean rejected both requests, claiming the "investigatory file" exemption when it is not and cannot be relevant. One request was for the days on which Hunt was paid subsequent to March 29 of this year, the last day of his employment according to a false White House statement. The other was for the contracts with the government of the Mullen Agency. Mr. Dean ignored this.

The Mullen agency was part of the Bay of Pigs deal, representing a CIA front that got about \$500,000 a year from the CIA. Hunt was allegedly working on a HEW contract. The Mullen explanation is laughable, that he used special influence to get the President's daughter to appear in public-service TV announcements, this special influence being necessary in an election year. (I was in O.S.S. and have some knowledge of how these things work. I think it is not impossible that taxpayers money financed some of the dirty work through the Mullen agency and such contracts.)

All the accounts of Hunt's role at Mullen are false. He was not just a copy writer hired after he left a 20-year career in the CIA. He was actually a director and vice-president. I know for a fact that his relationship with Mullen did not end at the time they announced he was fired. I believe he was connected with that agency when he was still with the CIA and apparently engaged in domestic intelligence. I do have a prima facie case of this, if not 100% proof. He then used an address not theirs that they also used. He then and since has had mail and phone service with theirs, not at their address, and this continued to my knowledge long after announcement that he had been fired. Until this can be duplicated without involving me, if it is of interest, must ask that it be kept confidential to prevent hurt to the innocent. However, it can be duplicated with ease and I can show the staff how it can be done.

As soon as Hunt's name appeared, there was the immediate feeding of false information to the press. His role with the CIA and the Bay of Pigs could not thereafter be hidden, nor his connection with Barker and the others. So, it was leaked that he was involved in the planning, with Barker, that his code name was "Eduardo" and Barker's "Macho". The definitive

work, The Bay of Pigs, by Haines Johnson, mentions no "Eduardo". The only Macho according to Johnson was a priest whose name this was. The work is indexed and can be checked rapidly. I am aware of reports, like Schlesinger's, that the man in charge, "Frank Bender", was supposedly a German refugee named Droller. (There were two "Frank" cadre.) However, I believe that Hunt was really "Bender" and that Barker was his second-in-command, "Bernie". If I am correct in this, and it is a bit more than a mere opinion if not completely established as fact, can you imagine the kind of White House that employs a man who played so vital a role in engineering what could have resulted in World War III, who made policy for the White House in that role and knowing it was directly opposite to policy, this leading to the blackmailing of President Kennedy by Allan Dulles?

You may not recall the Ogarrio denial at the time the money was traced to Mexico, but the staff should be well aware of it. That denial is carefully worded. It actually denies no more than that Ogarrio, Sr., knew Hunt during the period of his White House appointment. The elder Ogarrio signed the checks. Hunt spent, as I recall, three years in Mexico for the CIA, with a State Department cover. (I have his published biographical data and a tabulation of it should it interest.) ~~XXX~~ In the absence of an Ogarrio denial that he ever knew Hunt, I think it is not an unreasonable presumption that he had known Hunt in the past but did not see him when Hunt worked for the White House. Or, knew him only when Hunt was with CIA.

All the operating people arrested and those since connected with them were more than just connected with the Bay of Pigs (McCord was then CIA and had his own role, electronics.) They are all a trained military leadership cadre. Besides Bay of Pigs training they had advanced training at Ft. Jackson after the Bay of Pigs. This is also true of Miguel Augustin Suarez, Barker's partner and one of those who said in advance that the President would be killed, although he later denied it to the FBI. These are among the reports I have, from the Warren Commission files. They served no role in a bugging operation, but their usefulness in what in intelligence is called "special operations", translation, dirty tricks, should be apparent. (By the way, long before any of this surfaced, when the Republican convention was scheduled for San Diego, a defected Los Angeles Police Department operative confessed on tape that he had been recruited for such a deal.)

So, all of the people involved were bitterly opposed to the late President and his policies and I believe to all Kennedys and their policies. They are all dedicated, TRUE BELIEVERS, and they alone know truth as they alone understand "patriotism".

And so, any real investigation will lead to the CIA and to its supposedly illegal domestic-intelligence operations. I can establish such a connection for Hunt beginning in 1965, when his path crossed mine to my detriment and to that of the first book on the Warren Commission. I have absolute proof of other CIA domestic-intelligence operations involving me and work on that assassination, the identification of the commercial "front" used for this, checks in payment for it, envelopes in which they were mailed, bills, even carbon copies of transcripts of my appearances made for the CIA. The CIA had its own front, identified in this evidence, a bank account identified by the checks and thus traced, etc. I have a transcript of a conversation between the regional and the national office of the commercial front on this and a tape recording of my own conversation with the national manager.

My personal interest in this rotten business led me to what inquiries I could make and to the keeping of a file of newspaper clippings if they should be of interest to the subcommittee.

Layers, of course, need not be sympathetic to their clients. But the known connections of some representing the defendants and others that can be inferred with the CIA and CIA interests, may not be irrelevant. Nor, in this connection, a careful reading of the indictment. For one thing, totally missing is the fact that all indicted were CIA, FBI or both, yet the indictment pretends to refer to the past, as I recall, perhaps inaccurately. Aliases are attributed to Hunt, but none that lead to his past. None, for example, by which he has listed himself in standard biographical sources. This is not because it was unknown nor because it is irrelevant.

My purpose, as it has been, is to inform you or potential embarrassment.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg