

E Howard Hunt on Firing Line 1/21/73, WETA-TV 10 p.m.
Taped in S.F. With Mario Lago. Dagger in the Heart
Hunt says he was never arrested. CIA not permitted to engage in domestic
operations. Then comments - NSA as example w.g. "In the spirit of a
CIA operation" Lago helping Hunt before Bay Pigs - worked for CIA &
FBI for many years, after Castro, 1960, became self appointed
US spy, via "friendly European Government" to report weekly to
FBI. To Hunt as "greatest process in American history"
Fiasco "not the failure of intelligence" but because of political
decision to look off of commitments. Austin committed
"by the Eisenhower administration". Nixon "was principally
involved" in the planning. (Note unusual seriousness in what
of FR knew & agreed to) Says may not request Castro. Has
written" give us this day, word to appear. Lago got Barker to
work for CIA. (Eisenhower could not handle some of pro-
grams.) Hunt had read list of pro recommendations, partly
edited out, he made in 1959 (wrong date) to say CIA did not
report popular uprising. 4-20 were used before Bay of Pigs. Several
times Beuchly had to call back to issue, with Bay of Pigs But Lago
continues on propaganda. Castro is dying, can survive only if Democrats are
elected. Hunt talks of CIA certainly as current knowledge but it used
2 1/2 years ago, after middle 1970. Lago says he had reports from
who met informant when money given to me. All people
Beuchly attempts Lago to say then there were working
for US ~~govt~~ government