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Glad you saw the Hunt/Lazo redefinition of decency in society with Buckley. It sometimes helps to see, as it sometimes helps not to. This time seeing was disbelieving more than just hearing. All those bare faces hanging out!

Your 1/24 interpretation of Lazo is warranted by his words. Glad to see them, for I'd wondered on hearing them, even though I know this type and its "thinking". He did mean that she died in the cause, but knowing his type, I do not think this means he thinks she was done it. They are paranoid enough to believe that kind of thing, but in this case the inference that Hunt's associates did it would have deterred such a meaning.

Id you think Lazo is farout, you should know some I do. He is a quiet, sober, responsible man compared to some.

There are two visual impressions of Hunt you do not note. One I've noted before, his complete lack of display of any emotion, especially when one would expect it. He needs a shrink, someone not the right of Lazo. The other is how pale he seemed. We do not have color. Maybe you saw it in color? In every picture I get this impression. He also looks different in every picture, an asset for a spook.

You don't know Cubans if you think Lazo a hack. He was probably well off, a successful and respected barrister. For them he is neither stupid nor extreme, believe me.

I have no fault with the lawyer's telling Hunt not to discuss WG. Aside from the warning of the judge, there remains the possibility of a grand jury and the seeming certainty of a Senate investigation, which could force a grand jury if the administration ducks it until then. On both counts his lawyer should have stipulated this.

You marked on the Chron 1/19 clip the close Hunt/Buckley friendship. B is the executor for the kids, or looks out for their interest in the mother's estate; I've forgotten which is the godfather of the other's kids; and they have been friends since Mexico 1961. This tells me how far behind you are in the clips.

Our letters crossed. The sound was erased where you heard silence. Had to be. He was citing classified material. It will be interesting to see what happens when his book is out. Shades (pun unintended but pertinent) of Marchetti! He had no business with that memo. I wonder now what Hunt did in the Dominican fabrications of red takeover so the military could. The charges were the CIA's only, as I recall. I think HR has that file. The Times had some good stories on the falsifications called errors, or bad judgement.

Your estimate of the purpose of the show is bullseye. Thus also Buckley was selected, when any show would have taken Hunt. Thus also no interview. And thus his silence on camera except when he had to talk. However, among most of the rational, he will be Lazoed and branded, and his hard, hardfaced silences were not good p.r. A grim man, but not like Matt Dillon or the Mission Impossible's. Not in the T.V. versions of the past or the present in U.S. heroes.

As I'd written you, I've sent for transcripts for both of us.

Your 1/25 on Hersh II: Thanks. Sorry that you went all the way into town to get the expensive Sunday. After I make and sent copy, I got two duplicates!

I'd skimmed this envelope this a.m. after not getting the extra Post or the Times this a.m., anticipating no WG reporting. Mistake. Heavy p.m. ~~xxx~~ radio and evening TV news play on its later-confirmed Chapin story. I'll probably be able to get. I've skimmed the Post and marked a couple of POW/MIA stories for you. I am more concerned about the burden of all those clips on the two of you because I've not been able to read and I'm by no means sure that you and I would agree on what is "major, vital developments". My view would be that the contemporaneous reporting of the violations and the reactions would be. I know your interest in the military and POW/MIA stories so those I'll spot for sure. My present situation is such that I can't read stories I'd otherwise never have considered not reading. If I don't send you what you should expect, let me know. As long as the trial lasts I'll try to get the Times. Yesterday's Evans-Novak column seems to be geared to the Colson letter Time prints today, to make it appear that they did it under pressure because of error...I'll be getting that and will send you, as I've sent the current story you appear to have.

If I make comments on Hersh II, they'll be separate. Best, HW