

Recent WG testimony has either made Lesar think that or fortified an existing belief that ~~Nixon intended blackmailing~~ Hunt intended blackmailing Nixon with his Buckley show stuff on the recommended assassination of Castro. Something Peter Dale Scott saw in the galley proofs of Hunt's book (written in 1966), shown Scott by Tad Sculz after Scott was here, fortified this belief. When Jim mentioned this to me this evening, just at the end of the WH hearings, it reminded me that Nixon was Eisenhower's WH top man on the Bay of Pigs, which suggested a basis for Lesar's hunch. It also suggested a new reason for hiding the Bender identification of Hunt if it is correct. From this I am willing to infer that Hunt knew Nixon. I can imagine Nixon knowing and approving of the assassination urging.

There are relevant facts recorded: 1,000 Days-226,288,336-7, 678; Sorensen's Kennedy-677 (Mikoyan). Howard checked these out as soon as Lesar and I finished talking.

Hunt's book says his office mate was now General Cushman. I do not recall Cushman testifying to this.

One of the 1,000 days citations (or White's The Making of the President) refers to a Nixon piece for the Readers' Digest, I think 1964, referring to his hardlining. Howard believes his college library does not save the Digest, but he will check this out. He is also going to get me Nixon's refs to Bay Pigs in Six Crises, which I don't have.

It need not have been dedication to Hunt alone that inspired the Cuban's. Nixon's record would have done the trick if their's is a cover story that they thought it was for the CIA. This could also suggest an explanation for Nixon's apparent determination to pin an apparently bum rap on the CIA for the WG. These revanchists would love GL for his own great self.

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