

Jim, in an earlier note I asked if it would be possible for you to get me the whole 38 or so pages of Hunt's grand-jury testimony that had been released after being given to Judge Byrne. As I catch up on things, it become apparent that this could be worth following, for it enable me to add things together. In reading Time dated 5/14 this a.m. I find that my recollection of the electronic reporting is accurate: more was released than the Times or Post carried. Put with the other stuff, this says it is unlikely the CIA was quite as innocent as its regrets and apologies have led the press to proclaim. The press always omits context, I want to be able to provide it. Remember, all those CIA laments about its carelessness were made BEFORE the memos on the White House Gestapo were leaked. When I compare Hunt and the memos, I find it probable that Helms and the CIA knew precisely what it was doing and that it backed off, as Hoover did, when it, like he, regarded the liabilities as too great. Not because of legal or philosophical objection to the projects. I believe the transcripts will make this more credible, more apparent. I am sure it is true. Nobody, for example, has suggested that one of Hoover's reasons was because ~~xxx~~ he was already going this successfully and knew that more could not be safely done. Remember the Media rippoff? HW 6/10/73