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Dear Mr. Hunt,

Thanks for your note.

A man in your position should concentrate "on positive things," especially after his health has been endangered.

But I believe you will see that what is positive for you and what is positive for me need not be the same. My pursuit need not harm you and just might help. Explaining one aspect may help you understand this and my interest in Szulc.

I have read some of his Watergate reporting, his books on the Cuban and Dominican matters and his last, against you. In them I find certain consistencies. These inconsistencies are not good writing, not good reporting, and are not honest. He also suffers convenient lapses of memory.

In his Sunday Times attack on you he reports having met you and your wife in Paris, before you were married, and as I recall at a time when his own biography would seem to preclude the possibility. In the book he does not remember this but does recall what he did not in the article, meeting you in Miami as "Eduardo." That he did not recall in his Bay of Pigs book, from which he also omitted any reference to your role at all.

His book brackets attack on you with defense of the so-called "liberal" wing of the CIA. Thus, for example, he praises the use of an unnamed publisher for producing "liberal" books this wing desired, yet fails to remember that this publisher, Praeger, was his publisher.

In nothing he has written have I noted anything against the interest of this wing. To much I can impute service to it. I therefore presume the connection, and it is here I had hoped you might be helpful.

If you can find time to let me know the rumors you report or can refer me to others who can help me pursue this, I would appreciate it. "Documentation" is not essential. Reasonableness is sufficient, as is a long and consistent record only some of which is above.

Perhaps you and your counsel do not regard this kind of thing as significant in your defense and present situation. Were I still an intelligence analyst I would find it persuasive, at least on intent and probably much more.

If you have any suggestions about who has been feeding him from the inside, I would also find that not less than interesting for, from the time of the Times piece, this has been obvious.

Should your counsel desire the records to which I referred, I will lend them my copies, if that would serve their purposes, and save them the cost of paying the courts' copying fees.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg