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Colson Issues Denial

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WASHINGTON, May 7—In a statement released through his lawyer, Charles W. Colson said today: "From what I have read of Mr. Hunt's statements, it is entirely possible that Mr. Hunt misunderstood something I said to him at the time he was reviewing Pentagon papers cables with me."

William C. Lambert, the Life magazine reporter, has said that he was first shown a bogus document by Hunt late in 1971 and told that it was genuine. Mr. Colson is reported to have first alerted Mr. Lambert to the cable's existence.