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If the date of Hunt's employment at the White House should become of interest, one reference is to a NYTimes story, issue of 9may73, on the Diem cables. "Immediately after the publication of the Pentagon Papers, on July 6, 1971,* Mr. Huntwent to work at the White House....."

This of course doesn't make it clear whether July 6 refers to when the Pentagon Papers were published (which seems likelier) or when Hunt went to work at the White House. Anyway, there it is for what it's worth.

The same story is most interesting because it shows that on Sept. 16, 1971, Nixon took the attitude at a press conference that "we" (meaning JFK) had got into Vietnam through overthrowing Diem and complicity for his murder. The GL forgot about John Foster Dulles in 1954, of course, although no one was more supportive of Dulles at the time, as I recall it, that Nixon himself. In other words, Nixon could not have taken the attitude he did in 1971 if he had not known about the phony cables being worked out. If you don't have this story, let us know and we'll copy. Please mention the date, 9may73.

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* Our files show July 6 was the last installment of the Pentagon Papers in the Times.