

Your 5/21 attached to NYTimes 5/2, Hunt Billed White House, and Je's attached and very pertinent questions, together with the content of the story and some of my earlier suspicions, add up to an interesting bit.

On the UPI version of the Time story, I think it can be read to mean that the real identity of the men who used the Hamilton and Leonard names was known. This piece falls short of saying that Liddy used the Leonard name on the Ellsberg ripoff, while Times says he used Larimer on plane.

I checked my cards because I was sure I knew Liddy used Larimer. I find I did not have it on the card, one of the minor costs of Lil's tax employment.

Je asks if L was carrying two sets of papers on the job. Possible. But I wonder if he had different identities for different jobs. The risk to him and Hunt the way that was set up is negligible. The use of an alias is to deter tracing later when there is no real risk. Therefore, an identification other than Leonard would be less likely to lead to Liddy or to connect with Leonard, should disaster strike.

In addition, I think he liked playing cops and robbers and secret agents.

Do we know of another PentPapers job like this? If so, then Je's is a good question on this point, that he used different identities to keep them from being connected. I would say that there were likely others, perhaps not involving heists. Interviewing people one that seems more likely.

The Times story is confusing on the dates of the heist job. It says 9/2-4/71, gives night breakin 9/4 and next day, that of return, also 9/4, etc. What fascinates me is that Hunt put in only for four hours on the day of the return flight. which alone takes five hours in the air; and that all four days he billed a total of only 8 hrs. None of this makes sense on the face of it, so let us go behind the face. He was entitled to \$300 at least. Why did he throw ~~money that away~~ \$175 away? Assuming no hazard pay, bad-hour compensation, overtime, etc.

I don't think he flew to Calif and returned via New York City for that pittance.

Or, I think he had other compensation, most obvious of the possibilities being the Mullen agency, which I keep remembering had federal tax money coming in, aside from might have CREEP'd in.

His putting down some time for each of those days made a record of his being on the job.

How about his expenses? There is no accounting of them and they had to be a not inconsiderable total. How about the money he gave the Cuban unhired hands? They had to have run over \$1,000. He repaid Barker.

You realize this ~~is~~ is the kind of thing I was working on with Dean, where I stuck to the sound legal basis to begin with. I have found expense records very helpful in the past.

What the prosecutor has done here is leak enough to keep the Times happy and give himself some good public relations while holding the key stuff back. He actually leaked what has no real value, what it hurt nobody for him to leak. It merely made an ugly face look pretty.

Without doubt Hunt had and used many sets of IDs. He seems to have stuck pretty much to Hamilton on this, except where he gave those ID to Fiorini and used Warren. Now, had things gone the more predictable way on this break-in break-up, with Hunt having every probability of not getting caught, what this meant is that Fiorini would have been blamed for the other Hunt crimes. As we know from Barker, they let their tongues get torn out by the roots first, so good old leader Hunt was setting one of his own up, in the event he got caught. Had there been the investigation there wasn't.

I do wish Larry would get around to checking the DHunt ticket, to get the name of the travel agent. That could lead to much. Of course, Hunt could have a different agency for each alias. I asked this of Larry about the night of the crash. His travel agent could plot his travels like a book. Correlations might then be interesting.

I have not seen the original Star-News story the Times used. I presume it is longer.

We'll get another reading on the Senate investigation soon, from this lead and his pay records. If they don't do anything, we know.

... but we can't yet really know what. Thanks.