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Dear Larry,

Thanks for the 12/13 clips, "Watergate sleuth sees jet crash tie". If this call was the consequence of my suggestion to you, great. If not, still great.

Please congratulate Cooney and O'Connor for not being conned by Clawson's hokum about Hunt leaving the White House 3/29. If they refer to this again, a little less ellipsis would be informative to the hasty reader. The reality is that Hunt was a White House consultant at the time of the crimes. (I have filed an FOI request, not honored, but getting confirmation from Dean.)

While there are more roads leading to New York than to Rome, I do not discount it as coincidence that while engaged in domestic intelligence for the CIA Hunt had a New York cover; or that he shared an office with Caddy, whose principle was New York officed; or that his p.r. agency undoubtedly was hooked in to New York; or that the p.r. agency used in the Bay of Pigs was a New York one, fed from Washington, which is a bit more awkward than necessary.

On the neurologist claiming never to have heard of Mrs. Hunt, would your men be willing to consider another possibility, that she had been referred to one, or had decided she should consult one? Love will cover just so much. Compatible politics can excuse just so much. Some of the strongest condemnation of this entire affair as subversive has been by conservatives.

I know nothing about Hypnotist Morris, but the remarkable coincidence of his cutting off both phones at just this time ought not be overlooked.. Going way back in US spookery, there was and continued to be a real hangup on the mind and plumbing if not toying with it. We had two nearby units of this sort when I was in O.S.S. one called Area W as I recall, located on R St., NW, I think, and another, Area S, I think at or near Quantico. (Let me digress for a joke. I was under a guy who'd been an editor for whom I'd work. He got to OSS the easy way, I through disability, limited. He, like most of the men in that shop, never had basic training. Finally he had to take it. I had to go to that camp, near Quantico, on work. Knowing it and that he was there, I had some fun. I got Beu's, a then-famous bakery also used by the White House, not just commons like me, to bake a hacksaw into one of their better cakes. He flipped when we cut into it!) It is possible to dismiss Mrs. H's having the address of a hypnotist as meaningless, but taken together with that of a neurologist, I do not think it is persuasive that she was flakey. Troubled, maybe?

This stuff from Dardis, as I think you realize, moves the thing closer to the areas of my interest. It should also be filed for retrieval in the coming trial: did the Peebees trace all the \$100s and if so, where.

Morris had no yellow-pages listing under hypnotists in the book dated May 1972. He is listed therein as a regular physician, "by appointment only", which is not exactly usual. Three others in that column only say it. He has a DC white-pages listing of the same address, neither indicating residence, book dated 1971-2 and identically the same in the Md. Suburban section. Now both are pretty good addresses, indicating an established guy. He could have an unlisted home phone or one in the name of his wife. But unless he just died, I'd think it unusual that an established man pulls up stakes like this and goes away. He might be worth a little further checking into for a number of reasons, one being that he is a hypnotist and avoids the listing. Or, is it possible that Mrs. H had him as a regular physician and he recommended a hypnotist? (I don't think so, just exploring alternatives.) One easy way of checking is to call those listed competitors, and see if they know/knew or can or will say anything about him. If he was in general practise as a hypnotist others would know of it. One of your DC staff could check the 4501 Connecticut Ave address with no trouble. It is a good neighborhood and I'd be surprised if not on the way to or from your office. The Rockville street has to be a fairly new one because I don't know it and I don't think I'd have forgotten. Anyway, there are inferences here suggesting the spookery. It could be quite the opposite, but the suspicion is not unwarranted.

There is another possibility your men might want to bear in mind. The Miami laundered money is but a fraction of that hidden. Also, if my hunches about the Hullen agency are within sight of reality, the source could be entirely different and the unwise use of \$100 bills would be a designed deception if there were any tracing, not in itself likely with a relative but possible with those with whom he'd deal, if he dealt. Thanks,