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Your 30Dec72 memo to LF re Mrs. Hunt, with the angle that the \$10,000 was not found until the day after the crash, and then in a "package" rather than in her purse where most other accounts put it:

The first presumption would appear to be that this version represents mainly sloppy writing, since this version differs more with all other accounts than the other accounts differ among themselves.

However, one can't be even reasonably certain at this distance, and in the meantime the STM, in her fevered state, has come up with an idea that is not excluded by any of the accounts and which might bear some thinking about. We feel with you that Hunt's quick return to Washington that same night of the crash has some meaning. It could be explained, as you suggest, by his concern to find out what happened to the money. That's no doubt important. But just how important, considering his background and connections? The STM asks whether Mrs. Hunt could have been carrying anything else in which he was interested? And did he recover it, whatever it might have been? It appears certain he did not recover the money, and probably did not learn whether it had survived. For an ordinary person, his quick return to Washington could be explained by his family situation, but how ordinary is our friend?

It's probably academic, but the question of Mrs. Hunt's identification remains clouded. The various stories say she was identified by "a cousin," or "a relative." Is this good enough for a coroner, depending on how badly the body was burned? Has anyone seen the coroner's report? Is the identification positive? In other words, as I say, it's probably academic, but how do we know the body identified as Mrs. Hunt actually was her's? I suggest that as things stand now, we don't. I can conceive of no reason why there should be any deception here, but there it is. Taken with the conflicting reports about where the money was found, the question must be left open.

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