

Ed, Many thanks for the 1/7/73 Carlstead memo to you. It informs and perplexes, for it would seem that with "substantial interest" by C. in those two Holiday Inns, Hunt or wife were not buying in with \$10,000 and the crash and the withholding of the cash clearly her (and insurance) and the newest explanation, that it was "defense fund" money, all tend to make what might well be innocent seem mysterious and underhand. The Anderson story that his was defense money could have been fed him by Fiorini/Sturgis, his longtime informant, and not out of loyalty to Anderson but for the crew's own Department of Disinformation purposes...The other names mean nothing to me. I presume they are locals of interest to you in your major interest...What it totals is that nothing about the money as explained in any of the often contradictory versions is reasonable. If you have any sources that can indicate why it is withheld from Hunt when there ~~is~~ the various evidences it is his, I'd be interested. I see various indications theirs was not the ideal marriage. Which could be offset by C's statement that it was being sent to him by Hunt, if an official were inclined to be without any suspicion and believed. Of course, it could have been returned by now. In addition, the official reason for withholding can't be believed. This could also be a signal on the conflict between competing powerful forces I think now visible in the plea-copping and the dispute over it with Rothblattz, whose past services in political cases always coincided with CIA desires. Rothblatt lunched yesterday, during all of this, with Bittman. The Cubans sat to themselves. McFord and Liddy lunched together. All in the same inexpensive cafeteria. Best hw 1/13/73