

Dear Larry,

1/18/73

In comment on my 12/30/72 memo to you on the Dorothy Hunt crash/cash etc., Jennifer White poses a very interesting question I shame at not having thought of: for what else could Hunt have been looking? She and Jim seem to be of similar opinion, that Hunt's trip to and from Chicago was a bit too fast.

I believe that since I wrote that I found a story or somebody sent me one that said the purse was found promptly. I don't know what the fact is.

So, these are Jennifer's questions:

Could Hunt have been looking for something other than the money that his wife carried?

Did he get it or anything else?

He appears not to have gotten the money.

Meanwhile, Hunt will be on Bill Buckley's show that will be aired on Public TV Sunday night. Buckley says, "I have been made sole executor for the Hunt children." With a father and the kids all minors? Asks he, puffing his chest. This can mean that Dorothy made provision for the children not through the father, and if it does, I'm suspicious enough to regard that alone with suspicion. More when he can't get what is supposed to be his own money back.

I'll tape the show in case you miss it and want it.

Back to the questions, can you see if Rooney or your rewrite man know anything or can learn?

Buckley-Sunday- in D.C. Don't know about Chicago. May be aired on radio there. It is, separately, in D.C.

Best,

Lil read and enjoyed and was enlightened by your letters to 1/14 with this, your 1/8. When she got to this she laughed out loud and then said, "That's the kind of thing I should have thought of." Which is the point I made several days ago about the superiority of the female mind in some areas and endeavors. No, what Lil said was more like, "That's sneaky enough so I should have thought of it." There was a "sneaky" or something like it. I hadn't thought of anything like it. You appear not to have either. So, a curt bow and a swirling cape! Whether or not Larry can now get his people interested, I don't know.

Ian phoned today about other things. He sent me a batch of stuff that hasn't arrived on this. If there is anything I haven't seen from you or sent you, I will. He is saving tonight's Star, which has much more on Hunt's approach to his former CIA colleague, ~~Buaman~~. To whom he gave that unlisted, secretary's phone in the White House that Ziegler says was used only on leaks. That's why it was in Barker's book, too. Hunt wrote his first letter on White House stationery. They have that. (Joel Volz is no longer on that story. Spoke to him several days ago.) For White House phone read Executive Office Building, which is the White House's.

Dorothy's identification: Carlstead according to stories I got from another friend near Chicago. I think I sent you copies. I should have asked Larry about this. I will when I write again because he told me what was not, in any paper I saw, that she was pretty badly burned, worse than most. I expect he'll be sending me the coroner's report story. I heard it on WBBM early this a.m. All one needs to justify your suspicion is knowledge of what that coroner's office did in the Fred Hampden murders. I also can conceive of no reason, but identification should be more positive than eye after such burning.

This is a borrowed machine. The ribbon problem with the Hermes got so bad I had to take it to the shop. It has been repaired once but ineffectively. Who ever heard of such a thing with a Hermes!