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Solving a Hypnotic Mystery

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Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt has sent word from jail that there is "no mystery" about the connection between his late wife and a Washington psychiatrist who vanished without a trace in 1972.

Hunt read in this column Tuesday about a bizarre coincidence which linked Mrs. Hunt to Dr. Gary Morris, who is now presumed dead after disappearing with his wife on a boat outing in the Caribbean 21 months ago.

When she was killed in a plane crash in Chicago in December, Mrs. Hunt carried Morris's name on a slip of paper in her wallet. At that time he had been missing nine months.

According to Hunt, his wife had been referred to Morris by either a friend or another physician for treatment of pain through hypnosis.

That was in February, 1972, Hunt said in a message relayed last week through his literary agent, Donald MacCampbell. Morris disappeared in March.

Dorothy Hunt suffered disc trouble and had undergone surgery which failed to help her. In February a horse bolted and threw her. "This increased her back pain," Hunt told MacCampbell.

"She withstood it for several months, then decided to consult a neurologist named Korengold, also a hypnotist named Gary Morris," he explained, adding:

"She never got around to seeing either man because a program of back-strengthening exercise helped to alleviate her pain and she was able to ride regularly up to the time of her death."

Hunt told MacCampbell that his wife must have continued to carry the doctor's name "in case of another fall," not realizing what had happened to him.

Potpourri

Art Buchwald has taken over the McLean Indoor Tennis Court to celebrate his birthday Oct. 20. NBC and CBS both wanted to send camera crews to film the humorist's VIP friends facing each other across the nets, but he was adamantly against publicizing the event . . . Friends of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger think it is significant that he invited the father of Nancy

Maginnes to Washington for his recent swearing-in ceremony. Her family once opposed the idea of her marrying Kissinger . . .

Book and magazine publishers from all over the world are in hot pursuit of Martha Mitchell's former maid, Julia Carter. She could have the most salable memoir of a former employer since Mary Barelli Gallagher wrote about her days as secretary to former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis . . .

Former McGovern Frank Mankiewicz's biography of President Nixon, titled "Perfectly Clear," goes into detail about his youthful prowess as a poker player. "It mystified me," quipped Mankiewicz, "until I realized that here is a guy who *always* looks as if he is bluffing" . . . New York banker Andre Meyer, listed as one of the major contributors to the Nixon campaign in recent disclosures, is a longtime financial adviser to Jacqueline Onassis . . . Clare Boothe Luce, back in Washington last week, for a meeting of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, commutes regularly from her spectacular home in Honolulu. Intent on finding out what the ocean-front property was worth recently, she put it on the market for \$1.2 million without any real intention of selling. She almost found herself homeless when a Japanese businessman was willing to pay that price . . . Mrs. Luce, at 70, is tired of people (even old friends) who consistently misspell her name. She now marks all mail "Return To Sender" that comes addressed to "Claire Booth Luce" or any other incorrect spelling . . .

Clyde Tolson, the lifelong friend who was sole heir to the estate of the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, is still selling off inherited possessions at Sloan's auction gallery here. The latest items to go under the auctioneer's gavel were 75 items of personal jewelry sold last weekend. At Tolson's insistence, the belongings are not identified as Hoover's and most purchasers are unaware of the history of the items they bought . . . Elliott Roosevelt, here to defend his name against accusations made during a Senate investigations subcommittee hearing, used the alias of "Peterson" when he checked into his motel.

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