

If Bittman or Hogan & Hartson charge twice Washington's average per-hour legal fee, that admitted \$156,000 in Nixon's money he latched onto is equivalent to at least 400 weeks of work. It certainly seems like an extraordinary fee, if Bittman did nothing else but represent Hunt from the moment he took the case until he ~~definitely~~ ^{he was forced out of it by Cox,} a matter of ~~months~~ a few months. Considering that there was no trial and he knew there would be none because he ~~avoid~~ be negotiated the avoidance of it for Hunt, it is an even more extraordinary drain on Nixon's illegal stash. It is more than ten times what Rothblatt got for representing four clients who lived more than a thousand miles away from him. Yet the Senators, not one of the seven and their staff, both wings of which ~~questioned~~ interrogated, had no question on this for Hunt, not even after his several hints about having received bills and accountings and about being pressured for more money.

When the same firm represented Caddy before the grand jury, with Caddy a mysterious figure of provocative connections, and with it being a matter of public knowledge that Hogan & Hartson had handled CIA work - all matters also ignored completely in this "investigation" - failure to inquire into ^{a truly exceptional} a fee for which there was not visible justification is perplexing except on one court: it is entirely consistent with the committee's intent to hide what it should have exposed, including protecting the CIA, which it did do in a number of other ways.