

Dear Jim,

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When Hunt's biographies showed the claimed address Littauer & Wilkinson and there is no current listing of this sort, the few in the press who noted it stopped dead. However, I was known to me because the SatEvePost had sent me there and I knew and had correspondence with Max Wilkinson. The most casual check showed the (Lucius N.) Littauer Fund and that it is one of those that was a CIA conduit.

Max Wilkinson is Hunt's agent. He was then. He operates the business now from his home. He appears to have done this, that is, given up the office and carried on from his home, immediately on the death of his partner, Kenneth P. Littauer, whose death is reported in the New York Times J1 16, 39:4 (two other Littauers died that year).

There may be no Hunt connection with the Littauer Foundation. There may have been none between the foundation and Kenneth. As a means of trying to establish the possibility, lacking anyone dependable in New York, I asked a friend who is a waiter, who did not complete high school, to do some checking. Some he can do, some he can't comprehend. He has established for me by going to the sources I gave him the history of the agency, the move of the business to Wilkinson's home. However, he seems to have been unable to carry out the next request, to check for and get the obituaries, beginning with Lucius N., and to establish the family relationships. One thing I wanted to know is if Kenneth was related to Lucius. Lucius died in 1941 (NYTimes Mr 3, 15:1). With a 27-years difference in the times of death, he could have been a son or a nephew. (The Hunt claim to the L & W address ended in the 1969 Who's Who, or on Littauer's death, which could be interesting, for he could have continued to use Wilkinson's as a cover address.)

There may be no point in the other Littauer deaths noted in the Times index. These are the others I have: Milton H, J1 13, 21:6; 1953, William, O 13, 29:2, will O 39, 25:6; 1971, Sebastian B. (Mrs.) F4, 38:3; and the other two in 1968, E. Victor (Dr.) O22, 47:4 and Nathan J., J1 7, 53:1.

If Elke or someone could get the Lucius obit, it might give some leads. A checking of the Times index for the time of the student scandals might also. I think that with McCord now Bud's client, there is more point in doing this now. I can't do it here. The chances of it leading to something definitive may be small, but I think it should not be overlooked.

This is what the Foundation Directory, New York, says of the Littauer Foundation (pp. 306-7): 345 E 46 St., NYC 10017. Incorporated New York 1929. Donor, Lucius. Purposes and activities described as "broad purposes; grants for higher education, studies of the Near and Middle East, Hebrew literature and philosophy, research and publication in the humanities and social sciences, fellowships, scholarships, and scholarship loans; health, education, recreation and welfare agencies." This is quite a large tent. For the year ended 12/31/68 it had assets of \$9,420,914(M), spent \$297,435, of which \$239,984 was for 50 grants. This comes to an average of almost \$5,000 each. The officers and directors are Harry Starr, pres. & treas. (good combination, making him interesting); Hyman C. Brandman, sec.; Walter C. Feinberg, Alvin S. Johnson and Harry A. Wolfson. No v.p. listed.

There should be a Times story on the establishing of the foundation. It was created the year of the big crash, before Lucius died. I think this makes the nine million on hand in 1968 an interesting figure. Anything like that much money that year might be something. So might later donations, for which Lucius had a dozen years. Others might have made later contributions.

I think the first step should be the Lucius obit. If it shows a relationship with Kenneth, then I think the next step might be to check the Foundations Directory and Kenneth's obits to see if he had been anything with the foundation. This foundation is certain to show in the NSA scandal reporting. It is listed in The Espionage Establishment, in a footnote on p. 137 of the reprint edition. Jerry might have gotten that far in his carding.

I think this would be worth checking out if there is to be any book on these CIA foundations, aside from current usefulness if it amounts to anything.

Sincerely,