

Maxine Cheshire has a special, unexplained interest in Hunt. She has come up with what others have not. Her 12/4/73 is worth thought. Hunt wrote and withdrew after contract a book "Moscow Calling." She dates this as "last year." Any time last year Hunt was money-hungry. He had to have had special reason for giving up this money after all the work was done. She suggests that the plot resembles what is beginning to be leaked about "Operation Odessa" and suggests "Hunt may have been involved as a member of the WH 'plumbers' unit...it may have involved a double agent who helped the United States to eavesdrop on top Russian leaders."

I can think of another possibility, that these Russians were bugged at Camp David.

However, the possibility she is right ought not be considered. Some of what has been leaked indicates the bugging was inside the Kremlin. I can't imagine Hunt being part of that except through political connections, that is, knowing some right-winger fatcat who was in the USSR on his own business and getting him to plant a bug. Acceptance of this the way she gives it means believing Hunt was crazy enough to write about such a project and then to sell it or that after writing he decided to and was able to implement his plot. Another alternative is that this was hoked up as another "national security" cover for more dirtiness. There is a consistent record of this effort, unended by GL with Ellsberg. HW 12/5/73