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CRONKITE: At the time of his arrest for the Watergate burglary, veteran CIA agent, Howard Hunt, was working for a Washington public relations firm. Dan Rather has turned up more information about that firm.

DAN RATHER: CBS NEWS has learned that a whole new series of Watergate investigations center upon CIA notes and memos and the maze of relations involving top White House officials and the CIA with the [Sic.] Washington public relations firm, a firm, some of whose officials handled considerable money from the CIA and the re-elect Nixon committee. The firm is Robert R. Mullen and Company. That's where White House secret operative, Howard Hunt, was officially employed at the time of the Watergate break-in.

CBS NEWS has learned from excellent sources that the Mullen firm has had, over a long period of years, extensive associations with the CIA. As just one example, in 1971, Mullen opened a Singapore branch whose one employee was a CIA agent. His salary was played [Sic.] by the CIA through an arrangement with the Mullen firm's bookkeeper, a former CIA official. CBS NEWS tonight was told by two independent sources that the CIA has found and turned over to investigators at least one memo about conversations CIA officials had with leaders of the Mullen firm.

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