

Dear Jim,

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The Fortas job looks more and more like an early Colson operation to me. I have no proof. Belief and some evidence.

Time-Life's William Lambert, a Colson favorite, did the Life story in the issue of 5/9/69. He also did the ax-job on Tydings junior, one that later turned out to be less than accurate but elected Beall, paralleling what was done to Tydings senior to elect John Marshall Butler. And the Hunt/cables story I do not have to tell you.

The little inquiry to date into Hunt's haunt, The George Town Club, shows two Colsonites, Carl Shipley, he of the crooked ads (one of which was also aimed at Tydings) and Trye Davis, who clearly figured in the Eagleton job in collaboration with another branch of the White House operation centering in Bennett/Hunt and need I say CIA and public moneys via HEW?

In the absence on any apparent honest way of getting a list of members of the George Town Club, I believe seeking old issues of the Blue Book that I can have gone over up here is a good approach. (I know the overtones of the Korth angle but am not prepared to buy the implications without some credible and unambiguous evidence.) If when you are in the second-hand book stores you look for these beginning with the one dated 1968 and certainly including the year 1970, I'll see if during the vacation I can get someone to isolate all members. It might be a good idea to get all the back issues possible if they are not too costly, for these cats beginning in 1971 should be examined.

I have no personal knowledge of the facts under Lambert's name (not an accidental choice of words). But my reading of the story indicates a number of places where the language is carefully selected to give implications that fact may not justify, wordings that can be prejudicial selections for the purposes of prejudice.

With the obvious political beneficiaries of his work, I believe your checking your Who's Whos on Lambert might be worthwhile. Working backward from the present. If this indicates it is worth the effort, I'll see if I can have a Readers' Guide check made on his output, which unlike that of most decent investigative reporters, seems to serve only narrow, partisan ends.

That Larsen of Mew Majority-Dossier on Douglas appears in the Park operation after his H.L.Hunt career is not without interest and possible significance. Especially with the Shipley-Davis links to Colson and Nixonian dirtyworkings.

The overlapping of George Town Club-Army-Navy Club memberships is interesting. Do you think that if I can get this research done it is worth doing both? I'm inclined to seek the percentage of GT's in AN and to list AN with those in GT. If we can do it. If Park owns GT, as we believe, then there has to be examination of military lines.

I remain interested in the extraordinary battery of counsel Caddy had when he was before the grand jury. I can't locate my clips. Two were partners of Bittman in Hogan & Hartson, perhaps enough for conflict of interest, and at least one of the others was Urban Lester, 1776 K St., NW. I think the Martindale listings on both for 1972 and 1973 would be worth the trouble. Caddy's interest could also conflict with Hunt's. I suspect the Mr X Caddy would not name is Liddy.

Best,