

While each may mean something different, I put special interpretations on three of the items in today's Book World note of Tad Szulc's book The Compulsive Spy, due from Viking in January. No interview with Hunt means dependence upon other sources, of which Hunt's writings and what has appeared in the papers is not enough. Or, CIA sources. Interview with McCord on this indicates desire (justifiable) to gut Hunt. McCord is a biased, pro-CIA source. The title indicates a psychological approach, surely justified, but betokening a continuation of what I have earlier noted, a psychological campaign against Hunt that seems to have CIA involvement, especially in S's NYTimes Sunday piece. This means the book must now be about done. There is generally a 30month lag between galleys and appearance. In overtone, this book serves CIA interest, especially if it holds Hunt accountable for those things he did in CIA. For them his employer is accountable, particularly because he knew Hunt so well. Or, exculpation of CIA, not really inconsistent with Szulc's Bay Pigs book. In which he avoided mention of both Hunt and the special, necessary role Hunt filled and messed up so magnificently, a role the importance of which is limited in that book, making omission of it more significant and a CIA exculpation. HW 9/23/73