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Watergate break-in - "In an interview published last summer ... Frank Sturgis ... reported that one of the purposes of the Watergate break-in was to find a secret memorandum from the Castro government to the Democratic platform committee, listing all the covert CIA and related operations launched against Cuba since 1965 or 66. Sturgis claims that the FBI and CIA had discovered excerpts and references to the confidential memo, which was supposed to be more than 130 ~~page~~ typewritten pages. According to Sturgis, 'the Castro government suspected the CIA did not tell the whole truth about these operations, even to American political leaders. Therefore the Cubans were providing an itemized list of all such abuses. The complaints were especially bitter about various attempts made to assassinate the Castro brothers."

"Sturgis ... charged that [Hunt] had become the laughing stock of the Miami Cuban community for failing in a mission to assassinate Castro. But Sturgis also credited Hunt with carrying out what he called some successful 'disposals' for the CIA."

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Sturgis }
Hunt } See entry, Watergate break-in

Press (Nixon) - "Nixon 'Hounded' From Office?"

"Mr. Nixon is no longer in office because of a flaw in his character: he is a congenital liar in his public dealings. Many politicians are liars, born or otherwise, but no President of the United States lied blatantly and consistently to the people of this country about a criminal matter for two whole years. The press carried these lies, and they were shown on the telly. Who, then, is the offender?

"I happen to think the role of the press in getting to the truth of Watergate was something less than admirable. Had the 'third rate burglary' been pursued the way any first-rate police story was by any first-rate newspaper a generation ago, there would never have been a second Nixon Administration.

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"You can make a good case for the press failing to hound a crooked President out of office. The other way 'round just doesn't wash."

SFC 10 Mar 75, Charles McCabe