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10/25/72 I've skimmed the first section of today's Post. We are going into town soon. Lil will clip both copies. I will send you both sets of~~x~~ clippings on some subjects on the chance that if you have space you may at some time want the second. I have in mind my own experience, where it saves time to make a photocopy of part of a clipping to use as rough-draft copy (with me this also reduces chance of error from typos). I will fold these clips so that both copies are together. When STM unfolds, she'll know if you want the second. Today this will include Zorza column I've not had time to read, the Lavelle announcement, Thieu's speech, text excerpts, etc. I'll be including contributions stories with WG. And I am impressed by the McGovern incompetence, meaning more staff failure on this. Read the quotes from Mank. carefully. He hasn't even paraphrased the papers well. So what the hell is Sheridan doing as their "investigator"? HW

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There seems to be a reluctance to accept my analysis/conclusion that E. Howard Hunt is not some "Eduardo" but is really "Frank Bender." This is based on the reporting by Schelsinger and others that Bender is a German refugee named Droller. Buried in a NYTimes story of 10/18/72, mixed in with inadequate reference to "un't employment by Mullen, is this:"... Washington sources have identified Mr. Hunt as a prime organizer of the Bay of Pigs... Now being some kind of flunky under "Bender" would not justify the description of Hunt as a "prime" organizer. Outside of Washington, this had to be the man in charge in the field. There is the possibility the Times language is a bit loose. My view is that THE prime organizers were in Washington and that aside from them the only one who can be described as "prime" is the field-operations chief. HW 10/25/72