

Jim, last night NBC-TV evening news had a long Miami sequence on Gerstein's new claim, that the planned anti-Dem espionage did come off, from the Octagon Towers, during the convention. I heard nothing on any later newscasts or those of early morning. Nothing on CBS-TV last night or this a.m. But there was a brief local-station item, apparently from the wire, on WTOP, all-news radio after 9 a.m. I bought the Times, which came, naturally, not having what I wanted, this story. Nor does the Post. So, I called Lesar to ask that he get or that he arrange for the CIA nuts to get the Miami papers beginning with yesterday's, which will not have been sold out today if they have yet reached DC. I do not expect to do anything with this. I would, of course, like to know. It may fit with the independent pros of whom I have wind. Anyway, if I get and it shows value, I'll send. If you see wire copy and it has anything of substance, I'd appreciate. The radio version I heard has just enough twist in it. It quotes officials in Miami as saying they learned about this from McCord. What they said was that what they learned from McCord led them to it. It is apparent that McCord could have had no knowledge of what happened. He could have had knowledge of what was planned. If they checked that out and if the plans were pursued, they'd find about everything with ease. If Hunt had the space rented, for example, then the rental agreement would have been used and it would have had the added asset of pointing to Hunt if detected. HW 10/5/73

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