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Dear Jim,

It is a one-of-those days day on which the local professor who is giving the seminar appears to have been delayed. I've planned my time to be free when he said he thought he could be here. Until he does the beginning of response to some of the two fat mailings that came today. Hasty skimming of the clips indicates they are quite valuable and again what the WxPost did not cover.

First, however, thanks for one of the best book reviews I can remember, ~~TherxMx~~ on Where Murder Waits. It is informative and I take the hint of changes in Hunt seriously.

If your suggestion holds up, please note that the timing of the change coincides with duties that should have given serious troubles to a man of any political persuasion who has a decent regard for the inalienable rights of fellow citizens who by even his stretching of his imagination can't be considered subversive.

I have started a separate file on Hunt's writing and will file that there. Thanks for having it separate.

I find a other value in your review. It tells me that it is possible that the old Hunt could have ghosted Dulles' The Craft of Intelligence and I must now seek a second-hand copy and read it.

You do not suggest what you may have noticed, that the hero in this novel is not Hunt. It seems to be a composite from your observations. One component you may not have considered is Mario Lazo. This is to say that whether or not Hunt considered himself the hero, his description covers others, too, others who can't be himself. Barker is obvious.

Many things control what of the too many thing I do. Glad it was cold this a.m. and that I've bushels and bushels of brush to burn. So, particularly with Mil unwell and feeling she has to work I fed small pieceto the fireplace until I awakened her, the furnace again having been off all night. When she is abed and in contact with a living furnace she is never cold! So, this gave me the time I've been wanting to start reading that very thick file of my own segregated WG notes, complete to the date HR segregated them. I have gotten as far as the first for which Je took the time and it and the relevant story are taped together, so this is fine and important to what I've started.

Meanwhile, there were two other benefits: it was cozy with the intense heat fast-burning brush gives off and I found the review of what I'd forgotten quite rewarding. Even where I conjectured what has turned out to be not the case it was logical and should have been considered. However, what is quite satisfying is how early I was how right.

What is not satisfying at all is the unintended case against the Post. All the papers, sure, but especially the Post, which made pretenses and did get a ulitzer. I was frank with Woodward and Bernstein and there is little excuse for what they failed to do.

Here prof came then much happened, to be handled separately. HW 2/15/74 *JW*