

If there is one thing that to him seems close to impossible, it is being able to learn of all the contracts with any agency that may exist. He believes it would be necessary to consult each separate contracting officer who would then have to be the exception and kept good records or who would have to have a fantastic memory.

He has spoken to Harvey Liebergott, who will call me today or tomorrow. Liebergott says that Bennet has bought Mullen out and that Hunt was project chief for Mullen for two years, in 1970-2. He was succeeded by Betty Colclough, now retired but still a vice president. She is in or is active in American Women in Radio and TV and is an efficient woman now about 60. Very businesslike, very Irish in appearance.

Liebergott and Hunt met in NYC on different occasions on this contract, apparently in connection with the filming, for which Mullen had no independent capabilities.

Time element one reason for recontracting with Mullen. Makes sense.

When he was first on project, Jordan met with Mullen, who was then about 60. Presume this was until Bennett became president and probably until Hunt joined Mullen and was on this project. Didn't ask, but I think in response to something I said he indicated he saw Mullen until Hunt got into it.

Office of Education people do a final audit a year or a year and a half after the end of a contract.

Colclough is pronounced like Coke - lee, not Copley.

She had been a vice president for some time. I do not recall how long. Her name is Elizabeth, so Betty is not a nickname from another base.

The norm of HEW record-keeping seems ideally suited for losing clandestine contracts within them. If it does not now dispense more money than the military, it is close. This also lends itself to losing contracts to be hidden.

Phone conversation with Harvey Liebgott, 12/6/73.

Colclough about 70 but very vigorous. Democrat. Retired when contract lost. Last

Contract for \$151,000, not \$51,000

Liebgott got onto assignment 9/70. Hunt already on it. He appears to have had Harvey and Ed Martin, listed as "enemies" because they were liberal Democrats. This is in record. He accused them of getting him fired by Mullen.

It took Off Educ people a couple of years to teach all p.r. people, including Mullen, to regard handicapped as just other people, to get away from the cosmetic approach, one reason for disposition to continue with Mullen, which had gotten this message. Mullen often in middle on other jobs and needed more time. Toward the end there was talk inside Off Educ to make a change because they had no way of knowing how many people and of what kind they were reaching. On 12/71 there was a decision to go for public bidding, after wrapping up the then-existing contract. However, Harvey, the liberal, appeared before a board to encourage renewing this contract due 7/1/72, late in June, after WG, for non-political reasons, having to do with their experience, etc.

A Bon Smith, who he is certain represented himself as of ACLU, 401 First, SE, was often in touch with him but seemed to go nowhere. ("You are cutting it a different way!") I asked could it be Com to Inv. Ass. and he said no, never heard of.

Mullen was a friend of Eisenhowers and headed Citizens for both campaigns.

Harvey talked to Bennet when WG story broke. He thought Mullen had, among other possibilities, given Hunt a cover either before or after CIA and wonders if he is still CIA. Noted recommendations to Mullen by Buckley and Helms.

Considers Hunt dumb, snob and easily provoked. He proved him on purpose and Hunt would turn purple but did not drop about previous experiences. Not even when needled on "Operation Intercept." He was, too.

Thinks Earl Minderman is "a terrible writer," "one of the worst"

Marjorie Thompson, later at Mullen, "one of the best writers."

Alan Wilson, formerly of Ad Council, Democrat (apparently of right). Didn't like.
Daughter, named Muncie, sharp, good writer.

Bennett was flexible and had an open way. Mullen friendly but less flexible.

Bennet once told him "he was tired of being the patsy" and he didn't like the ways in which his name was used. L knew of Bennett's re-election funding committees. In newspaper but possibly cause of this conversation. Think exact words "...using his name in ways he didn't like."

Hunt not always not good. Wrote several good pieces for a journal for returning vets or for paramedics.

When his work was not good, those who were good in Mullen covered him. This is my interpretation of his saying the company covered him. At one point they offered to take him off that job.

The Julie ad was Hunt's idea. He said, long before the election, "I can get Julie Eisenhower to do a television spot." Finally, Off. Educ told in June before election that "we could do it." Bennett had it held off, not from principle but because he felt it would have kicked back in public mind and cost votes. It was held off until about December, L says. But not because Washington had not okayed using before election.

Hunt boasted of being a regular at "21" and "Maitre Jacques." Kind of guy who would spend \$10 on his own lunch. Lived high. L thinks his father had money and was head of the Hunt Club in Potomac. Earlier, before Florida.

L thought Hunt got \$25,000 a year from Mullen. I said supposed to be \$125 a day and worked most days. Got \$100 from WH and sometimes worked for both same day. Even that would not keep Hunt in the style he lived, L opined.

He thinks of Hunt in Freudian terms, says Hunt seemed to live in fear of finding himself, tried to recall something from 17th Century comedy, his field, to describe, something to the effect so much talk about sex no doing, Suggestion fear latent homosexuality. Ref sort of to spending so much time talking about sex, not time for it, worked at it too hard to enjoy it. He recalled Szulc's Times piece and says it suggests what his impression was. Accords with reviews Hunts fiction.

Contracted audited by GAO before WG.

Mullen's original proposal includes references to earlier government contracts but L does not recall which or what period.

Fred Hundamer, contract officer, might have and should know.

Julie Dickinson knew Colclough

Bob Oliver, union lobbyist, used to work Mullen. Think he said knew and did not like Hunt. Not sure.

He had to leave for lunch date. I may hear more if he recalls. I suggested that perhaps when he is in DC we can get together. Think he would like to.

Though M had Baden account. Saw Gen Ford when I mentimed