

Howard, the Szulc Sunday Times piece is as interesting for what it does not say as for what it does. There is much in what it does say, some new to me. It also makes Szulc's omissions in his Times reporting ever so much more intriguing. To this moment he has not admitted that Hunt was Frank Bender, a known name on which there could be focus from an existing record (which could not be done with the paper "Eduardo".) What it says about Hunt's emotions, character and politics will be as little new to the Whites as it is to me. This is a man sick in every way except body before WG. The 1972-3 Who's Who facsimile at the beginning places him as v.p. and dir. at Bennett until 1971. He was with Bennett (this is, the Mullen Agency) at the time of his arrest. The only significance I can attribute to this seeming error is that he wanted to hide his simultaneous WH connection. The omissions that interest me most are those that would seem to involve the CIA more. Mullen was a CIA agency, in Cuban work. (Cushman's Bay Pigs connection is new to me.) Add to this the fact that CIA people talked to Szulc, not the norm, and there is reason to wonder about Szulc's relationship, if any, with that agency. I can't remember the title of Szulc's Bay of Pigs book, but I believe he wrote one and that alone had to have told him of Hunt's war name/alias in it. He had to know that using "Eduardo" was to immunize Hunt and the Agency for the critical period in the WG story. In fact, his using a misleading story is in itself suspect. He defuzed that bomb, and the beneficiary was the Agency. Nixon, too, I guess. I wonder that he left the Times to write a book on Nixon's foreign policy, as I do, with all that blank space in the layout, about omitting his own Cuban/Bay Pigs credentials. Many thanks for copying and sending. Very worthwhile.

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