

# WALTER SCOTT'S Personality Parade

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*Q. Who was the brilliant genius responsible for bringing E. Howard Hunt, the Watergate blackmailer, into the Central Intelligence Agency? Also what is the true relationship between Hunt and the columnist William Buckley?—D.B., Sharon, Conn.*

*A. The "brilliant genius," who recruited Hunt into the CIA was Frank Wisner, a deputy assistant secretary of war who had served as an OSS (Office of Strategic Services) agent during World War II in Turkey. Following World War II, Wisner helped set up the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), a cold war organization that was later integrated into the CIA. It was Dr. James Burnham, a Princeton graduate and a philosophy professor at New York University, who introduced Hunt to Buckley. Hunt took a liking to Buckley and his strong, anti-Communist views, and when in 1950 the CIA assigned Hunt to Mexico he soon brought Buckley aboard. Hunt and Buckley became fast friends as fellow CIA agents, Buckley later becoming godfather to the four Hunt children and executor of Dorothy Hunt's estate. Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, late wife of E. Howard Hunt, was killed in 1972 in a United Air Lines crash en route to Chicago where she, according to Hunt, was about to invest \$10,000 in cash in a business venture with Holiday Inns.*