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Hunting for Hunt's Facts

In TIME's story about E. Howard Hunt's testimony at the current Watergate trial [Nov. 11], I was quoted in regard to Hunt's admissions of his previous deceptions. The remark attributed to me—as an executive of the firm publishing Hunt's autobiography—was that the lies and inaccuracies amounted only to “tiny, nitpicking things.”

If that was the inference drawn from the interview with me, then there was an important misunderstanding. Of course I was aware, on the basis of news accounts of the trial, that a major contradiction existed between Hunt's most recent testimony and his previous statements concerning possible Executive clemency for him. Prior to Hunt's appearance at the trial, we were unaware of this significant fabrication.

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