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Dear George,

Tonight's Watergate story was great, particularly with the time limits of TV.

If transcripts of the series are available, I'd appreciate a copy.

I presume you have the series in the can. However, you need not let the fact of Hunt's employment by the White House at the time of the dirtyworks and the arrests be as indefinite as it was tonight, based on an allegation.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to me from the President's own counsel certifying it. You'd never know it from his letter, which is careful to avoid reference to that for which I had asked under the Freedom of Information law. My response repeats what I asked for. The days of Hunt's post March 29 employment is one. That is what was given to the FBI. In reading Dean's letter, please remember that it was written long after the indictments. Unless one presumes White House dishonesty (perish the thought!), is it unreasonable to suppose from Dean's letter that Hunt is about to be charged with a new crime - working for the White House.

Twice in the past week I've been informed of this new misuse of the investigatory-files exemption based on one of my FOI cases, now before the appeals court in DC. Once was in a letter from Deputy A.G. Erickson saying he would not supply what was asked for until after this decision is handed down (if he loses he'll go to the Supreme Court and still will not provide what was asked for by either of us), and once verbally, with one of the regulatory agencies citing it. I guess this case is being watched. Anything is an investigatory file now, in my suit a simply, unsecret scientific test. Hence proof of Hunt's employment is now an "investigatory file". However, in saying that "The information which you seek" has been given to the FBI, Dean is also saying Hunt was employed during this period by the White House. He was a bit careful, but not careful enough. You saw the arrogance of power in my first suit, where Kleindienst lied with his bare face hanging out. By a strange twist, in the appeals-court hearing the questioning by the judges of a stupid DJ allegation led to a further certification by the DJ- that Kleindienst is a liar. Some court records are fun stuff. You can have this if anyone there wants it.

I have long been aware of federal interest in my work, I think improper interest. I think I told you I believe Hunt gave me a few problems in 1965, when he was with the CIA. I also have other proof of CIA interest in me and of domestic spying, through a front. I do mean proof: carbon copies, not xeroxes, tapes and transcripts of conversations about this surveillance, bills for the service, checks in payment-even envelopes, with return addresses, etc.

Not proof but a strong hunch: Hunt was operations chief on this dirtyworks, a role he did have in CIA.

Partly knowledge, partly hunch: most of the lawyers involved in this so far have CIA connections, some open, some not as visible. But those charged were working for the GOP, not the CIA, weren't they?

Most of the media are still hungup on anything connected with assassinations, so I am not particularly hopeful. However, I have just made a query on this domestic-spying thing. If I can sell it, I will, instead of saving it for a relevant book, as I'd planned.

If nobody there has any interests in the enclosures, I'd appreciate their return.

Congratulations to your people on a thoroughly professional job. I'm particularly glad it is now being said that this was more than a "caper", if "affair" still falls short.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg