

Confidential. Source Ken Smith, 11/24/73 at CTIA meetings Georgetown.

Bud, who knew Russell from Hill days, had employed him infrequently through Ken, who also knew him, after Russell was having tough time because of McCord arrest. He had been working for McCord doing security checks on CREEP personnel.

Russell was in love with a whore who worked at a cathouse in Columbia Plaza that was frequented by Democratic Party officials. It is adjacent to Watergate bldg. The Plumbers had it bugged. Oliver story again.

About 10 p.m. the night of the break-in Russell was having a cup of coffee in the Howard Johnson coffee shop. It was crowded. He was sitting alone at a table for four when a stranger came in for coffee and asked if he could share table. It was Hunt.

After arrests Two FBI agents sought Russell out and pressured him for a statement. They gave so detailed an account of his whereabouts and those he saw that night that Russell, former agent, concluded they had been shadowing someone. If there was no reason for shadowing him, and there appears to have been none, then it would seem to be apparent that they were shadowing Hunt. All their info was exactly accurate.

I asked Ken if Russell had files. He said yes and that he had seen some. I suggested that he go over all the latest ones with care.

The inference is that the FBI was onto WG before it happened. More, they did nothing about it if this is true. Let it happen and then pretended no knowledge. Ken was entirely unaware of what I learned from Gray hearings and when it shows who was informed about what, when correct identifications were known, etc..

Assuming this to be accurate information, there remains the question was the FBI shadowing Hunt because of WG or for other reasons. I don't think WG break-in.

Hunt's book seems to have a few changes. Jim has a copy. Footnotes seem to have been eliminated, a few glossaries added in front. No WG footnote in intro and new close.

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