

1/27/73 Visited an old friend, former fellow Senate investigator, later Wash correspondent, now about to retire from an executive agency. He has some CIA friends. They were not surprised at Hunt's involvement in the WG mess because they knew him in CIA when he was engaged in domestic intelligence, a fact they admitted but would not talk about. Also visited the McDonalds. While Ian and I were having a drink before lunch, we got into WG. It seems the man who services their wire-service machines knew Hunt in CIA and regarded him as not only incompetent in the areas in which he worked but out of his depth. His story is that Hunt was supposed to be a management specialist, not a spook. He is said to have fallen into disrepute at the time of the Bay of Pigs and never to have been trusted with anything that large again. No way of authenticating either story. They are noted for whatever interest they may hold. I do suggest that if he were a management expert, then the laundering of money might fall within the spook definition of that skill.

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