

Dear Jim, on those 17 & Penna. NW addresses, city directory for 1964 and 1967: It is not possible to reach a definitive conclusion and suspicions about quite a few are in order. But most that can be regarded as suspect obviously are not and can be only on the basis of inadequate information. Latin American Times is in an expensive office and there would not seem to be the kind of business possibilities to justify it. As with Latin American Reports. So, knowing more about it could be interesting. However, if that unit had the reported 10-12 people on a regular basis, no single office and less one shared could have held them all. Law offices and "consultants" and public relations offices are possibilities. I have marked several for when we talk about them. However, I am more than ever convinced that we cannot ignore the Mills Bldg., which was destroyed and replaced by 1700 after 1701 was occupied. Long after. The Mills Bldg as an address and as the empty building is in these two directories. Some of the federal offices are not impossible but where they are identified as "overflow" it means checking from 1962. It is remotely possible that I have a phone number that may give an answer. However, from the two descriptions, so close to the Roger Smith Hotel and "17th and Penna" this block is most likely, if not certain. I found myself wondering about some of the buildings with small businesses in them, small buildings. We are still only groping. I think we'll need the directory pages beginning with 1962, all of them. I have come to the tentative conclusion that "unk" was shunted off of this operation after he lost Dulles' patronage. Or, after Dulles was out. From his own account in Give Us This Day he could not again be trusted. He also had to be kept happy. Or, he might have made others unhappy. From his own account, Dulles did not overwork him. But with his record, if not his politics, no other Director could trust him in his office. So, this kind of assignment was about all he could have....Isn't it interesting that that story dropped dead so fast? Leak, retraction and end. On the Post it was Woodward's story. Forgetting for the moment that he is the conservative of the team, how could a serious reporter drop the thing with overt indications of illegality, without exploring the "publisher" part and without asking why it required so many people if, as Barry understood, the operation had to do with Vietnam books only? That size staff meant a larger operation. HW 1/7/74