

Jim, couldn't speak to Bud when I phoned at the end of the 1st Hunt day. I write you so you'd know and can tell him because the reason for the call was time. There are a number of places of subtlety as I think I caught it in today's session that may well have significance to Bud re: McCord. So, I believe there must be a minor industry in xeroxing transcripts, and the call was in case Bud knew one who would be xeroxing, to ask while they are at it, when it is really not much extra work. Separately it will be. For the most part the GOP play on this is subtle and seems undetected. If Bud gets, I'll read and make notes on those passages, not where Hunt deprecates McCord but in the questioning. One thing that I'd like to have for myself and probably you and Bud would also is the staff biography from which Baker read. I'm sure not in full. It had him as Dulles' personal assistant for a while. Now this does not mean what you'd heard, ghost, although I now consider that less unlikely. I'm more inclined to believe he was a researcher, lining up what Dulles wanted to write about. Although I expected a whitewash, I'm surprised at how extensive and how offered leads were ignored by all. I'll tell you more when we are together. Meanwhile, I did tape for you, four hours. I'll do what I can tomorrow. I'll have to leave for about 1 1/2 hrs at about 2145, but I'll see if I can get a friend to tape beginning there. If I listen to rebroadcast at night, I'll try to tape then. HW 9/24/73

Ja, I've explained to Lesar but not to the others what the Mullen connection is. Here is where Hunt thrice volunteered and he was not taken up on it. I was right on Mullen/CIA, too. That the Hughes bus steer came from Bennett personally fascinates because in trying for that they'd have gotten what was wanted. The mystery of how he could get a medical discharge from the navy and be an air corps officer is solved: OSS cover. Not seeing you wouldn't know, but there were several places where he was at a loss for words, not from confusion. In each case it was passed over, the last by Baker, at the end, if you taped it. I think those were places where he knew he'd best be careful or where he was uncertain about the approach, attitude best for him. What this also makes apparent is the phoniness about that deep WH concern over "demonstrators", "violence" and "leaks". As soon as the campaign came on, that was all forgotten except in the campaign context.