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As the attached indicates, both the NY Times and WX Star Post cut out the references to Hunt that interest you in Dean's opening statement. However, we found a bit in the KPFA summary-review of the day and have transcribed it for you.

It seems possible to me that Dean himself may have omitted some at this point of what he had before him to read, and suggest your best bet to check is to get or borrow a copy of the transcript that was distributed to newsmen at the time of his opening statement. One met we saw ran a picture of a whole dolly loaded with copies of the statement. If your reporter friends on the Post can't or won't oblige, perhaps Mathias could wangle one for you from the committee, or from Dean's lawyers.

We had bad tape luck with Dean's opening statement. Had lost some of the day's proceedings the day before when a new reel of tape (1800 feet) turned out to be wound backward (with the emulsion out) and squealed like hell. Had to lay it aside and put on another. ~~xxxxxx~~ By the time Dean came on with his opening statement, I had rewound the tape with the emulsion in and confidently recorded him all day. When I tried playing it back (too late, after it was all over) nada, absolutely not one sound. To make a long story short, the store gave me new reels of tape for that batch, but that didn't bring Dean back. I agree with you that his opening statement is most important and check .full o' hints and shadows, a very carefully prepared document. One really needs a full verbatim copy. You certainly do, anyway.

Your memo of 6/27 re Hunt- Nixon and their possible earlier connections, extremely interesting. If we still need to know where Hunt was on 22nov63, we still have even more reason to wonder what GL was doing in Dallas on 21nov63. Very interesting that Hunt's desk mate was Cushman, tending to support our longstanding suspicion that the CIA had more riding on WG than it would like anyone to dream of. ~~Agree~~ Agree with you that the Cubans needed no Hunt to sell them on GL, especially if GL helped promote BofP. Will try to find the Readers Digest references you mention for 1963 or 64 (you had a strikeover and can't tell which. No matter, can check both years, and the MV library should have this famed publication if none other! Will let you know. What kind of a library does the U of P have if they don't save Readers Digest? Shocking, and you may so inform Howard.

Best,

  
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