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Hunt- your 7/22/73

The one interested me most of all, so I saved it for last, a mistake, because I am more and more feeling the waeriness from a second stint of illside mowing in tall weeks. Got absentminded and sealed the letter without it, so it will go in the next. I've been anxious for your impression of the galleys. We are inx substantial agreement. You saw some things I did not.

When I get more tired, and have to just sit and read, I'll read that Scanlon's page and, I hope, the two solid sheets in WxPost. I've read the rest of today's, what I'm going to read. And filed. (Stone story real dream.)

His stroke: you have the Post original now. Dount Chron carried more.

What you say of the injections reminds me of one thing Skolnick wasn't able to steal. With Bolden's laternhistory, just as good, because he became dubious source. But when he was in jail he told a peacenik mate he had been leaned on because he was asked to take an undercover(CIA) job at Naval Hospital and refused. He wouldn't take any medication at Springfield. Possible, but in Hunt's case, I think the skilled exploitation of two things, certainty about his emptional makeup and a correct anticipation of how he'd react to predicatable events may have been enough for limitation to war of nerves, on which we agree.

Szulc: in one of the pieces I've written and laid aside, or one that I plan and haven't written, but in something I think I've~~xxx~~ mentioned to you, more likely, I got the idea that early he was used for WH leaks, because of the Post and its position and hatred for it. More than the early Miami piece. There was a leaking fight in which the Times was bracketed against the Post, with what was needed to answer the Times in the Post, sometimes the next day.

WH and CIA have common interest in Hunt's silence, but I think at this point, CIA much less. Probability seems to be that all he worked on of anyconsequence is history. GL he can really hurt, if what I believe is correct.

I hadn't attributed the choppiness to cutting. I'd felt that he wrote it in odds and ends of time and that this is the kind of guy he is. You are probably right.

I don't think he was shelved in 1959-60 because of his views. I think they were ideal, esp. with his Soanish fluency, for dealing with those who share his views. His meant all the wealth who'd gotten out, with or without they loot, all those who had been influential, all the Batista people (he does defend Batista), and perhap it was hoped that when the time caem he could work also with those who had a chance of having some internal support, typified by Ray. After the head were knocked in early 1961, the gang with whom he ~~xxxx~~ palled were dominating. They were also with the ragtag brigade. I think politics was the sole basis of his dislike of Drecher. (Did he use Jake? I don't remember. If not, what is course?) "Dender, too, was only a contact man. He had little to do with training. Administrative type.

No rush on galleys. Besar has someone living at his home and the mail is now safe. He is away until the 10th.

You did not comment on the few references to his wife/servant. No sign of appreciation, affection, understanding, not even pained tolerance. She is just somebody who did handy odd things for him.

You have a good point, one I don't remember considering, about the claim when Cambodia "falls" sometimes soon. But I think by now it will mean somethin when he uses it to him and those who have no choice except him. I think he has been hurt too much, most of all by himself. Pending what he has been saving to pulls from the sewer. I haven't thought of what this will be, just assumed he'd have something handy and waiting.

He is so deep in this he really has no choices. He has to tough it out. The clip you enclosed on this confrims what I had written and what has since been disclosed. This had to be hi point of so far, no farthur. Or he was done by quitting.

I think he has made minimal changes in authoritarian design, but has talked as though he has.

And he always has the loyal, patriotic military standing by ti save the land from the redic-lib Communistic Socialists.

We'll have to wait and see on most. Best, HW 7/26/73