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Dear Jim, because I was too tired to do what I'd planned, after supper I went over all the clips I hadn't and then started the Sutton (who is he?) piece. Unfortunately, I fell asleep a couple of times. But I think I was awake enough for most of it.

It is interesting in many ways. You are right about Suarez, but there is a problem, two Miguel Suarezes. Ours is Miguel Augustin and he didn't get his law degree until after he earned it after service in the Ft. Jackson Brigade, which was after Bay Pigs repatriation. (He and Barker are out now. Or when I last heard.)

So we have Sutton, a former travel editor (which prompts who is he?) doing a piece like this? If original work it would have been very costly I think I detect uncredited newspaper stories.

There is much that I did not know and those parts I am willing to believe. In essence if not in all detail. There are other things I can't accept (Hunt was chosen for the task [Fielding job] because it was important that no one with a clear White House connection be associated with the mission) and other I know are exaggerated, with error in factual detail. (The arrests and the details, even the date, of that munitions depot--all this is second hand and at best imprecise.) Also, Ehr. did not call Cushman to "introduce" Hunt.

"De Diego testified that he held the Ellsberg file while Martinez made pictures." I don't recall if Fielding said there even was a file in his office. I think not. But there is only one time DeDiego testified I can recall, before the L.A. grand jury. Or, secret.

"The Cuban team returned to Miami and Hunt went to Washington." Wrong. Hunt and Liddy both went to New York, and that coincides with Chilean jobs that I'm inclined to attribute to the Cubans. Ehr said he called Hunt back to DC, which is not the same thing but fits Sutton.

I can't make sense out of the 1st full graf col 2 p. 28. The time lag was great. ~~xxxx~~

That Zani (great name!) stuff is interesting and probably true or close to it. Suspect comes from Miami paper I'd like to see.

Unless there was more than one, Buttari did not head the Cuban Nixon Committee (p.30) Portuondo did.

Nonetheless it is very interesting. I think these things can be attributed to not having first-hand knowledge, depending on secondary sources, etc. So, his purposes and his sources would both be interesting. I expect we'll never know either.

The financial/property stuff probably comes from Newsday/Sundance/Messick.

Glad to have, glad to have read, and if you have any thoughts, I'd like to know.

Because I am tired and am forgetting much too much, if we refer to this I'm filing it under a general file, Cubans.

We are far from having heard the last of these Cubans. They also are taking the initiative, as with Ruben's demands for Fiorini in today's WXP. TV news tonight says they are taking the McCord road. They did believe this, so they can believe the case they can make, if they now get a chance. Here much may depend on Hunt. Their move may be a signal on him and his course.

These guys are natural and instinctive revanchists. They may make interesting copy all over again. I'm sure there are many jobs they can testify to, including around DC. There was a marked map in Hunt's WH stuff that seems to have been marked for them, with all sorts of beltway exits marked, including for those driving back from NYC. Also the way from Capitol Hill to the Hamilton, where they were staying. (Gray's testimony, Judiciary, exhibit.) On the other hand, they also know much about Hunt, and to them he could well have talked in the past, Barker pretty likely about political if not Agency things.

What Sutton doesn't use that would be appropriate is also interesting. There were more than 30 Cuban millionaires in Miami 5 years or more ago. All anti-Castro refugees.

Thanks for sending. More to think about. Best,