

While each may mean something different, I put special interpretations on three of the items in today's Book World note of Tad Szulc's book The Compulsive Spy, due from Viking

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in January. No interview with Hunt means dependance upon other sources, of which Hunt's writings and what has appeared in the papers is not enough. Or, CIA sources. Interview with McCord on this indicates desire (justifiable) to gut Hunt. McCord is a biased, pro-CIA source. The title indicates a psychological approach, surely justified, but betokening a continuation of what I have earlier noted, a psychological campaign against Hunt that seems to have CIA involvement, especially in S's NYTimes Sunday piece. This means the book must now be about done. There is generally a 30month lag between galleys and appearance. In overtone, this book serves CIA interest, especially if it holds Hunt accountable for those things he did in CIA. For them his employer is accountable, particularly because he knew Hunt so well. Or, exculpation of CIA, not really inconsistent with Szulc's Bay Pigs book. In which he avoided mention of both Hunt and the special, necessary role Hunt filled and messed up so magnificently, a role the importance of which is limed in that book, making omission of it more significant and a CIA exculpation. HW 9/23/73

Yesterday a.m.'s Book World mention again suggests that Szulc's Hunt book will serve CIA purpose. Last Night's reading his Bay Pigs book yielded several similar suggestions but not strong proof. His WG stories similar character. He claims to have known Hunt, wife, in Paris CIA office before they married. That was before he worked for Times, too. So, his bio gets more interesting if you ever have a chance to run it down...Fell asleep on Martha on NBC special show for which I'd stayed up. Lil couldn't awaken me, either. I'd been out mowing, it got to 85° and I guess I was just tired. She seemed a bit different on the trailer, for which I was still awake. But I doubt she had to say what would shake the world. More self-justification. If you see anything indicating otherwise, I'd appreciate. Today is one of those I've been awaiting, Hunt. Hope the trucker doesn't decide to deliver those several thousand Frame-Ups that have been in town several weeks to coincide with telecast. I've long been without doubt that the committee is pulling punches. This will tell how much...Yesterday's Style long Dash piece tells pretty much what to expect from him. It is consistent with the record to date. Too bad...Last night, because I'm writing on the Gestapo plan, I counted up how many of the memos Dean had & the committee leaked or released. Total, 11. Officially released, 7. They deny me all, which tells me all I have to know about that and them. Can it be that they know me, too? Seems unlikely. So, I presume they deny to all except a few favored and trusted in press. HW 9/24/73

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The whitewashing on Hunt could hardly be more overt and still dared, based on a.m. 9/24. When he made repeated references to Bennet and to his employment by a firm connected with CIA and no questions were asked, I was without doubt and to the end of the a.m. However, when I phoned the Post to speak to Sussman about some of the more obvious glassings, I learned that he is away for a month. He, too, is doing a WG book! My source doesn't remember the publisher. It is getting to be a sort of subsidiary personal industry with Posters. I would imagine that Sussman's book will have more meaning for the average reader, that the Woodward-Bernstein one will be heavier on the trees, which will tend to obscure the first. However, the baldness of the non-interrogation of Hunt, even when I long ago decided there was a whitewash, seems to surprise me. HW 9/24/73

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1st afterthought on Sussman doing a WG book: Unless he is biling the pot for money or doing a short quickie on "The Meaning of WG", in which fact would not be essential, I think it is fair to interpret his taking time off to do a book now as an indication that in his, an informed opinion, all that is coming from the hearings has come. Or, it is really all over except for more learned quotation from Shakespeare and apt ones from the Bible. He and those on the story got time off at the end of the first sessions, about 7 weeks ago. He was due back about labor day. Woodward and Bernstein are still off, having written almost nothing in the papers in months. Perhaps this is also a reading on the Post's expectation, or its policy, which I think has been visible: indignation and not much else. HW 9/24/73

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There are two quotes from Kissinger swearing-in I saw on TV and not in today's WxPost. Nixon's psychological need to tell himself and everyone else how great ~~his~~ he is (Henry was worried about confirmation, which I doubt, and "I told him the vote would be big and it was"); and Henry's fine self-serving statement on how decent governments are not run by hate, secrecy and other such. Why Marilyn Berger omitted these in her story or why if she didn't they were edited out baffles me because the story is scant in quote and these are by any standrad meaningful quotes. HW 9/23/73

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