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Colson, testifying in executive session, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations, says that on the 7th or 8th of July, 1971, he told Ehrlichman that Hunt's need for contact with the CIA was immediate since one of his first assignments was to interview Lt. Col. Lucien Conein. Both Colson and Ehrlichman, who appeared before the ^{SUB}committee in May, deny having made the call to the CIA which gave Hunt clearance; Cushman has told several Congressional committees that Ehrlichman phoned him 7 Jul 71. Previous testimony by CIA officials [redacted] [to same ~~same~~ subcommittee?] made no mention of Hunt's interest in Col. Conein during his initial efforts to obtain assistance from CIA.

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