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Cover-up trial - Jury begins deliberations, after hearing almost two hours of final instructions from Judge Sirica. See clipping for excerpts, as carried by AP.

WXP: "While a conspiracy involves an agreement to engage in conduct to violate the law, Sirica added, 'common sense will tell you that from its very nature a conspiracy is characterized by secrecy in its origin and its execution. Often, when persons undertake to enter into a conspiracy, much is left to an informal, unexpressed understanding,' the judge said. 'Therefore, express language or specific words are not required to indicate assent or attachment to a conspiracy.' At the same time, the jurors were told that each of the defendants must have knowingly and willfully taken part in the conspiracy."

~~WXP~~ WXP 31 Dec 74, George Lardner Jr.

"Hunt Tells of Early Work for [CIA Domestic Operations Division]" - Story is based on telephone interview of Hunt today, and on "a copy of his testimony [18 Dec 73] before the Watergate committee, marked 'confidential,' ... made available today to The New York Times."

Story, by following the sentence saying that the intv was by phone with Hunt, "who is now ... living in Miami pending the appeal of his Watergate conviction," suggests, but does not say, that the intv was between Hersh in Washington and Hunt in Miami. [in?]

Hunt (presumably in intv) "denied any involvement/or knowledge of domestic spying on radicals and other dissidents by the Domestic Operations Division. But he said that some of his projects from 1962 to 1966 - which dealt largely with the subsidizing and manipulation of the news and publishing

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organizations - did seem to violate the intent of the agency's charter."

"The Times ... reported [29 Dec] that the ... domestic unit was formed in 1964, but Mr. Hunt recalled that it was assembled shortly after the failure of the Bay of Pigs operation in late 1961. Many agency men connected with that failure were shunted into the new domestic unit, Mr. Hunt said."

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NYT 31 Dec 74, Seymour M. Hersh - ~~212ax01a~~

Butterfield - "Reacting to the barrage of criticism last week to its handling of air safety problems, the [FAA] named a panel [today] to review the charges and propose what 'quick action can be taken to correct any deficiencies.'" Butterfield names as head of the panel Richard M. Shoup and asks for a report by 17 Jan. Shoup is described as a Montana Republican who was defeated in the last election and who has flown as a private pilot.

"In creating the new panel, Mr. Butterfield was quoted [by his spokesman] as saying ... that although the recent publicity cast the F.A.A. in a very bad light at times, he nevertheless welcomes such public scrutiny. "

NYT 31 Dec 74, Richard Witkin

- See entries 20 and 27 Dec 74, same heading.

Tapes (public broadcast) - Made public today, brief submitted to Gesell 27 Dec, asking that he make final his temporary ruling on broadcasting of WH tapes. Entry 27 Dec 74.

China - Sen. Mike Mansfield in China, 9 to 30 Dec 74.

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Mike Mansfield - See entry, China.

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Ⓐ- See entry 22 Dec 74, 'CIA spied on 10,000 Americans.'