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Butterfield (CIA?) - L. Fletcher Prouty says Butterfield was a "contact man" for the CIA in the WH.

Prouty is described by AP (SFC) as a "retired Air Force Colonel, ... a former liaison officer between the Air Force and the CIA," by WXP as a "former Defense Department intelligence officer," by KPFA as having been "a CIA liaison with the Joint Chiefs of Staff before he left the Army [Air Force?] in 1963," by NYT as "a retired colonel who served as ... a sort of liaison between the C.I.A and the Air Force and, later, the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Prouty speaks to reporters following his intv today by staff members of House Select Committee on Intelligence (NYT). Prouty says Butterfield was (WXP:) "identified to him as the CIA's White House liaison in the spring of 1971 by several individuals, including [Hunt]." AP (SFC): "Prouty said he first learned of a CIA-Butterfield connection in 1971 from two Air Force officers who had worked for the CIA for long periods of time. The officers suggested Prouty contact Butterfield through a Washington public relations firm which provided cover for CIA agents." KPFA says this was the Mullen Company, where Prouty said he met Hunt. AP (SFC): "Hunt ... agreed to contact Butterfield to help arrange White House support for a group seeking the release of Indochina prisoners of war, including undercover CIA agents."

AP (SFC) says Prouty appeared in a televised intv with CBS, during which he made such statements and that "he made similar statements in an interview with NBC. Then, under repeated questioning by reporters, Prouty ruled out the possibility that Butterfield might have spied on the White House for the CIA and said Butterfield was the person the agency would contact if it needed White House assistance on a sensitive project." Stories are not clear on whether Prouty gave two separate interviews to CBS and NBC, or whether these were part of his meeting with reporters following his intv by Intelligence Committee staff members.

See clippings for other details, including

- Denials by the CIA (Butterfield "has never been assigned to or worked for the CIA in any capacity") and Mrs. Butterfield (Prouty's remarks are "absolutely false and defamatory"). NYT says Butterfield is in California and could not be reached for comment.

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- Prouty's statement that Haig had served as Army liaison with the CIA in the early 1960s.

- Howard Baker's statement that he (AP:) "previously had been aware of rumors regarding Butterfield and the CIA but that Prouty's statements added 'a new dimension.'" (On such rumors, see entry 13 Jul 73, Misc. notes on Butterfield, p. 2D, Jack Anderson.)

- Guarded statements by the White House, and the inconsistencies in them, as pointed out by WXP.

KPFA News 11 Jul 75, transcript

SFC 12 Jul 75 [AP] - filed CIA (d)

WXP 12 Jul 75, George Lardner Jr. - filed CIA (d)

NYT 12 Jul 75, John M. Crewdson - filed CIA (d)

CIA "infiltration of the executive" - See entry 9 Jul, same heading.

"Lucien Nedzi, ... chairman of the [House] intelligence panel, made available [today] a portion of a page from a 1973 internal CIA memorandum concerning questionable agency activities which apparently formed the basis for the claim of infiltration. As read by Nedzi in a telephone interview, the May, 1973, document states that 'for many years the CIA has detailed employees to the immediate office of the White House and to components intimately associated with the office of the President, such as the Council on International Economic Policy and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. At present we have no clericals or professional [sic] assigned to the immediate White House office although we have one man detailed to their communications section.'.... Senator Frank Church [chairman] of the Senate committee, who has also read the memo, told reporters that 'on the basis of that page we have no evidence that agents were planted in the White House.'" (AP [SFC].)

The memo referred to apparently is the report, dated 21 May 73, prepared by the CIA inspector general's office on orders of James R. Schlesinger, then CIA director. Field "was reliably reported to have based his conclusion on the portion of the Inspector General's report that Mr. Nedzi released today."

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Also NYT, WXP - ~~xxxxxxx~~ filed CIA (d)

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On the following, see entry, Butterfield (CIA?):  
L. Fletcher Prouty  
Hunt  
Mullen Company  
Haig  
Baker

On the following, see entry, CIA "infiltration of ...":  
Nedzi  
Church  
Field

Nixon papers - Story datelined Indianapolis: "A psychiatrist and a psychologist will examine more than two tons of letters and other papers belonging to Richard M. Nixon for a Saturday Evening Post magazine story on the former president, Cory SerVaas, publisher and co-editor of the magazine, said [today]." (Complete item.) X 12 2 - B  
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Nixon (psychiatrist and psychologist to study his papers) -  
See entry, Nixon papers.

Barker, Sturgis, Martinez, Gonzalez - Sirica reduces their sentences to time already served. Only Barker was scheduled to return to prison after losing various appeals of his conviction. He had served 12 months of a minimum 18-month term; Gonzales and Martinez had served 15 months each before being paroled; Sturgis had served a 13-month term; Sirica's order means that probation will be ended for the last three. Hunt and Liddy are still in prison (see entries on them 19 May, 20 Jun); McCord was released 20 May 75.  
SFC, NYT, WXP, 12 Jul 75

McCord - Judge Charles R. Richey dismisses a suit by McCord asking that Ford's pardon of Nixon be ruled illegal; Richey says McCord does not have standing as a private citizen to challenge the pardon, citing court rulings (unspecified in story) saying the President's pardon authority cannot be reviewed by any court on the mere complaint of a citizen.  
WXP 12 Jul 75 [no attribution]

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Nixon pardon (challenge by McCord) - See entry, McCord.

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Ⓐ - NYT, reporting on Nedzi's statements, identifies him as "[heading] a House armed services subcommittee that oversees the C.I.A. and other intelligence agencies," and says he received the document "along with a briefing on its background by the C.I.A." This could mean Nedzi received the document in his capacity as head of the House armed services subcommittee, from the CIA, and not in his capacity as chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, from Field.

Ⓑ - Dr. Cory Servass (spelling as given in this item) denies she said this. "We are not having any psychiatrist or psychologist look at any of the Nixon papers." WXP: "Dr. Servaas said the Saturday Evening Post is doing stories for its January issue about people who have remained loyal to Nixon since his resignation and who still support him for the good things he has done. The two-ton load of Nixon papers which The Saturday Evening Post has includes letters and cards from his well-wishers."

WXP 22 Jul 75, Dorothy McCardle

Ⓒ - Denied by Hunt. See entry 22 Jul 75, Butterfield.