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Butterfield - See article by Charles B. Seib on press treatment of "The Prouty-Butterfield Flap" and its consequences. "In retrospect, it is clear that all concerned - Prouty and CBS and NBC - were careless in their handling of a man's reputation and of an important and complex story. Not only does it appear that unjustifiable harm was done to Butterfield but a great disservice was done to the public in that the Butterfield story drew attention away from a very serious question: Just what has been the nature and extent of the CIA's involvement in the operations of other government agencies? That question is going to be hard enough to answer. Such distractions as the Butterfield caper don't make the job any easier."

Seib says Hunt has denied he told Prouty that Butterfield was a CIA contact. He gives no date, but by inference this was after Butterfield's appearance on CBS 13 Jul.

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