

Of Hunt's Veracity

To the Editor:

With regard to the Nov. 21 Op-Ed piece by E. Howard Hunt Jr., several statements of Mr. Hunt's cry out for clarification. "Unlike Mr. Liddy," Hunt writes, "I cooperated in testimony before . . . grand juries, Ervin committee . . ." yet Mr. Hunt ignores his own belated admission that he had lied to the Ervin committee, lied to the trial jury, lied to grand jury investigators.

Indeed, even when he supposedly told the truth finally at the Watergate cover-up trial, there were grave questions raised as to his veracity. I recall well how the Watergate Special Prosecutor's lawyers told Judge Sirica at the time that they could not vouch for Mr. Hunt, as they had, for example, in the case of Mr. Dean. Another misimpression: "In Watergate there was no intent to steal anything of value." What nonsense. Political documents regarding McGovern's candidacy, regarding O'Brian's connections with Howard Hughes and others were to be "stolen" through photographic and electronic means. Further, American democracy was at stake.

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