

3/12-From the good-hunch dept.:  
de Visholy's occupation is from  
BCRA to DGER to SDECE, the name  
given it after liberation and, as he  
puts it, scandals of financial and  
other corruption. So, my interest  
in the current narcotics and related  
scandals is increased by much. Rather  
interestingly at this point in the  
book he refers to the ministry of  
Foreign Affairs and then has a ~~parenthetical~~  
parenthetical expression (our State  
Department). I find myself wondering  
whether he, as Frenchman, actually  
felt that he had to describe the Min-  
istry as the equivalent of the State  
Dept. of whether he was drawing on  
the ms of another who felt it neces-  
sary for the hoi polloi. It seems  
out of place, and for an expatriate  
who talks and lives as no longer a  
Frenchman, I find the use of "our"  
rather odd, particularly when I also  
find that less obvious things are  
unmentioned or, on mentioned, not  
explained. Gets more fascinating!  
Glad to be tired! H