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Review of Office of
Security Files on E. Howard
Hunt.

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Periodic File Summary

cover to Mexico City PCS -
both JMARC duties....

[redacted] said information
that Barnes was pushing
Hunt for JMARC not true -
Barnes is an interested
friend"

4. Memo from DOS/Investi-
gations and Operational
Support to DOS dated 6/23/60
"2 Mr [redacted] [Security
Officer from Project JMARC]
stated that the subject [Hunt]
is to go on PCS basis to
Mexico under commercial
cover as a writer. He will
be the political action
man for the Project in
Mexico as a representative
to the FRO.... Prior to his
PCS assignment to Mexico,
subject is going to Cuba
for a week or so on a
sort of orientation basis.

3. Mr [redacted] stated that
the subject has impressed him
as something of a character

and free wheeler. He said that the Subject indicated a need for an automobile to be purchased for him for use in Mexico and strongly requested a convertible for this purpose. Also, he requested permission to carry a gun. While he cannot speak officially of course, informally Mr. ^{employee} would be just as happy to see the Subject not used on the Project."

5. An official routing slip indicates that J.C. King was briefed on Security's reservations about Hunt signed by R. Bannerman and dated 27 June.
6. Investigative file memorandum dated 6/20/60 recommends that routine repolygraph of Hunt be waived.

Vol I

1. A letter to the Director, FBI, dated 6/17/49 requests ~~an~~ an investigation of Hunt. The reason given is that he is an applicant for employment.
2. A memo to the files, dated 6/24/49, reports that Hunt had been attached to OSS on 2/7/45 and was released from OSS on 12/6/45.
3. A memo dated 9/29/49 reports that Hunt served in the Air Force until 1/46. He was employed by the ECA from 5/48 to 2/49. During the periods when he was not employed, he was writing. This memo recommends security approval.
4. Memo dated 10/19/49 reports that Hunt was given "a security clearance on 30 September 1949 to serve in an overt capacity as a Plans

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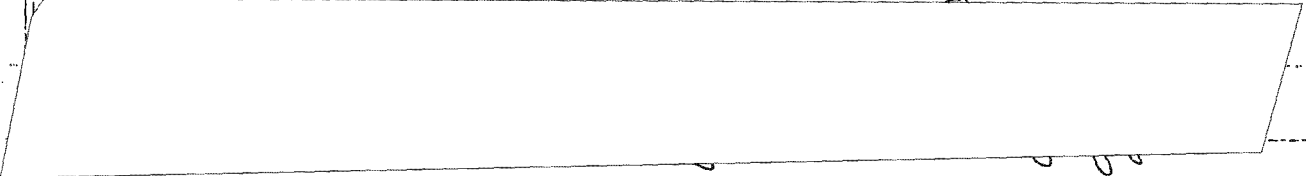

Officer for Programs and Planning."

5. Hunt is assigned as an Intelligence Officer in OPC on 11/8/49.

6. A memo from Hunt dated 2/27/50 says that during 1948 + 1949 he worked for the ECA, "ranking as Attaché of the American Embassy, Paris."

7. Memo dated 12/11/50 re: interview with Hunt ~~is~~ who is resigning to accept a job with the Department of State.

8. A travel order dated 2/6/53 lists Hunt's position as Deputy Chief of Station, Mexico City. He is going on home leave before reassignment. There is a similar travel order dated 4/15/53.

9. Request for Personnel Action dated 5/18/53. Reports Hunt's appointment as an Operations Officer in the DDP/SE, SE Political and Psych Warfare Staff, Office of the Chief, Washington
10. In 1/54 Hunt traveled through the SE area to review operations and for field consultations (from travel orders). His itinerary included 
11. An overseas processing sheet dated 5/21/54 lists Hunt with DDP/FE, P+P Staff and reports that he will be traveling to  on 5/27/54.
12. Carbon of reassignment order dated 4/7/54 to DDP/FE, etc

- 13 A request for security certification dated 10/22/56 reports that Hunt is being assigned to [redacted] and will be leaving on or about 3/1/57
- 14 Request for Personnel Action dated 10/16/56 requests Hunt be reassigned from DDP/FE, North Asia Station, PP Staff to DDP/WH, Branch II, [redacted] Station as "Area Ops Off (COS)"
- 15 Travel orders dated 11/19/56 for Hunt to go to Havana and return lists his station as Washington
- 16 Travel order dated 6/27/56 Hunt to [redacted] lists his official station as [redacted]
- 17 Interview processing sheet dated 1/25/57 reports Hunt

is departing for [redacted]
 on 1/25/57 and is under
 [redacted] cover. He was
 polygraphed on 1/11/57.

18. Request for approval or
 investigative action dated
 6/18/65 requests a "Contract
 Type A" for Hunt for use
 in [redacted]

19. Contract Type A Security
 Approval granted on
 6/23/65. A polygraph
 interview is waived.
 Security official tells me
 that a ^{Contract} type A is a
 person fully cleared
 as a result of a back-
 ground investigation and
 a polygraph. Any difference
 from Staff Employee
 is that "Type A" is on
 contract and can be
 terminated. "Type A" is
 also geared towards a
 specific job.

[Incorrect statement]

20. Clearance action report dated 9/21/66 reports that Hunt is converting from a Contract Type A to Staff
21. Special Clearance and/or Billet Approval dated 9/23/66 reports Hunt's Position as ODP/EUR, Asst to Chairman, NATO Intel. Coll. Wkg. Group. It requests special clearances for Hunt and says: "Mr Hunt has been ~~assigned~~ designated assistant to Chairman, NATO Intelligence Collection Working Group (USIB), and is required to appraise the effect of possible changes in the NATO structure on U.S. collection capabilities".
22. Routing and Record Sheet dated 18 March 1969 calls Hunt "Chief, EUR/CA" reports last ^{FBI} investigation

in 1949 and that he has not been reinvestigated "apparently because he was either overseas or a staff agent"

23. Blind memo dated 1/70 reports how *live the* This Day got into the Agency's hands

24. Memo dated 11/27/72 reports that routine ~~was~~ reinvestigation of Hunt was undertaken in 1969 and completed in 1970.

25. Supplemental PHS: dated 3/20/69
 A. 7/65-7/66 [redacted]
 B. 6/62-7/65 ~~Alfred~~ SUMNER, md } Resi.
 C. 9/66 - "PRESENT" ~~173~~ POTOMAC MD }
 under [redacted] cover.

26. 5 PHS, dated 10/29/62:
 1/57-6/60 - [redacted] } Resi.
 7/60-10/60 - [redacted]
 10/60-7/61 WASH.
 TO "PRESENT" "

Volume II

1. Cable ([redacted] 35-30) dated 2/9/60 says: "According to Ambassador Woodward, Re President [redacted] has stated that during his private talk with President Eisenhower he intends to request President Eisenhower to cancel [Hunt's] transfer permit remain in present capacity."
2. Handwritten note dated 6/22/60 says that Hunt is "up for JMARC" and that Tracy Barnes is "pushing him for JMARC post" ^{SIGNED} written by what appears to be [redacted]
3. Handwritten note by same individual dated 6/23/60: [redacted] stated Hunt scheduled for TOY to Cuba on 27 June 60 + then proceed under commercial

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reports that I
told some of
in Uruguay
now working
Problem"

Pages 2, 3 missing
from file original

.124/61

8 Memo to Chief S. S. from
[redacted], Chief, R.B/SRS/OS

re: above cable says:

"Subject [Hint] has been a
problem in the past and
apparently continues to be
a problem"

9 Request for Personnel Action
dated 5/29/62: reassignment
effective 7/1/62; CF to CF,
DDP/DDOS, Facilities Branch,
Research and Publications
Section, Washington as
Ops Officer (Ch). Under
"Remarks": "PRA Requested
per R-20-10, para 10C(2) for
a period of 90 days.
DDP/CA Staff

Office of the Chief /43-4"

Security officer says that
a PRA is when an employee

is filling a lower GS level job than G. S. Level he has.

- 10 Notification of ~~Military~~ Establishment of Military Cover Backstop dated 9/21/62. Backstop established with U.S. Army (32)
- 11 Reassignment Processing Form dated 7/5/62 states assignment to DDP/PODS + says that Hunt is "approved for domestic assignment."
- 12 Request for Personnel Action dated 11/15/61; reassignment effective 11/26/61; CF to CF, to DDP/CA Staff, Plans and Research Group, Evaluation Branch, Washington, as an Ops. Off. from DDP/WH/BR 4/TEMPORARY.
- 13 R & PA dated 1/17/62; reassignment effective blank; CF to CF, to

DDP/CA Staff, Office of
the Chief, Wash, as an
Ops Officer.

14. Memo from Hunt to the OS
dated 11/7/62 asking that

OS CONCURRENCE

is given his wife ~~be given clearance~~
to work part time doing
"translations, statistical
research and occasional
letters for the Spanish
Ambassador."

15. Memo from [redacted]
[redacted] to Hunt

dated 11/15/62 says that
the proposed job for his
wife is "incompatible
with Hunt's Agency
Employment & could cause
official embarrassment.
"Accordingly, the request
is disapproved from the
~~security~~ standpoint of
security."

16. Handwritten memorandum for
the record dated 11/19/62

reports that a security officer has reported that Hunt is considering an appeal from the Security disapproval of Hunt's wife's job.

17. 11/14/62 Memo from Employee Activity Branch / P50/O5 to Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS.

recommends disapproval of request for security for wife's job.

"Subject's file indicates that he has been a continuing security problem because of a tendency to disregard regulations and established procedures"

18. Memo from Appraisal Section to Chief dated 4 Feb, 1963. Hunt checked under a RIP @ negative responses at FBI, CSC, police + credit in D.C. Recommends polygraph.

19 Memo for the record from ~~DD~~ Dep. Dir. of Security (PPS) dated 2/8/63. reports Hunt call asking whether wife should register under "Foreign Agents Registration Act" since she was doing translation work for the Spanish Embassy. Hunt is reported as fudging on answering a question about OS approval and saying his wife is so independent that she would take the job regardless of what he said.

20 Memo for the record, undated, by Hunt:
 "Subject: Procurement of Intelligence by Mrs. Dorothy L. Hunt"
 1. On 25 February 1963, I delivered to Mr. W. Loyal George, Chief, F-I, thermo-fax copies of a memorandum and a letter of transmittal dated 18 and 20 February

respectively. Both were prepared by Ambassador Antonio Garrigues for Prince Stanislas Radziwill and taken to the latter in New York by Alfonso de Borbon, 2d Secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Washington.

2. The purport of the material was to enlist the aid of Radziwill in (a) persuading the President to visit Madrid during his next European trip, and (b) conveying to the President the views of Ambassador Garrigues regarding U.S. - Latin American relations.

3. Mr. George regarded the material too sensitive to be handled by routine means, and decided to show it only to Mr. Helms.

4. On 27 February 1963, Mr. George telephoned me to say that he had just shown the material to Mr. Helms who

speculated whether ~~or not~~ he ought not take it to the White House at once. Mr. George demurred, pointing out the sensitivity of the source (my wife), whereupon Mr. Helms indicated that nothing should be done with the material until Mr. George returned from a Far East trip and could consider the matter farther.

5. Mr. George then asked Mr. Helms whether my wife should register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and Mr. Helms said that under the circumstances she absolutely should not."

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SECRET [] "Prepare a memo via Tracy Barnes to Tom Karamessines re wife's employment. - Is it in Agency's interests and does it have operational benefits? - if not it is contrary to agency policy - do they want an exception." dated 15 Apr. FROM BANNERMAN

22 Official routine slip dated 2/18/63 from [redacted] to P/O AB and Mr [redacted] says that "Subject is not to be reported under RIP at this time."

23 Memo for record by [redacted] [redacted] dated 18 April 1963. Discussed Hunt's memo + Bannerman's RS with [redacted] on 16 April. [redacted] is worried because the situation could be embarrassing because "Mrs Hunt is engaging in intelligence collection in the United States - without any official sanction for such activity." This was the problem anticipated when OS denied permission for the job. Both [redacted] ^{take out} were concerned that the letter Bannerman suggested "might really 'stir up' all sorts of problems" because of the question of how the Security Officer

of OOS had gotten info that had been "handled on extremely high levels in the ODP complex." So they decided to ask Mr George if ~~Mr~~ it was intended to use Mrs Hunt operationally before writing the letter. ~~They~~ talked to George on 17 April who said he was not aware of OS disapproval and that these considerations were valid. George said that he would take the matter up @ Helms and Karamessines and that the letter not be sent until the meeting between him, Helms, Karamessines and an OS rep had occurred.

24. Memo for Dir of Sec. from Chief /FI dated 5/10/63 says: "I have discussed the point raised by you with Mr Helms and while we agree in principle, we

believe that there is sufficient gain from the contact and certain pieces of information to take the calculated risk. " This will continue until she quits on 6/30 due to pregnancy.

- 25- Routing and record sheet to [redacted], Sp. Asst. to DDP; POP and Mr [redacted]; from A/DO/CA dated 6/1/64 - under comments: typed: "The attached draft column by Bill Buckley will appear in 75 U. S. newspapers, including the Scripps-Howard chain, during the week of June 8. The background of this placement is the fact that Buckley worked for me as a Staff Agent in Mexico 1950-51 and we have remained close friends."

in script. "a copy of this has been sent to the Director. Will you please forward to Mr. Elder biographical material on Wm Buckley."

This is initialed by the same person who initialed the box next to "DOP". Attached is a letter from Buckley to Hunt dated 5/28/64 and an article entitled "Hate CIA Week".

"Dear Howard:

Here it is. You will note we had to cut fifteen lines because it was over. But I hope it helps. Thanks a million for all the work you did on it.

I managed to read only about one-third of the book and depended on you for the rest. Give me a ring soon. Hastily, Bill. The article is a review of The Invisible Government.

- 26 Routing and record sheet dated 7/28/64 says
 "In view of the deferrals in the RIP action since 1962 and the fact that subject was polygraphed in 1953 and 1957 I believe closing of the RIP without further action is in order."
 s/ Huddy C/TRS
- 27 Req. for B Per Action dated 7/9/64; reassignment, CF to CF to ODP/DOO, U.S. Field, CA Staff as Ops. Officer - CH.
- 28 Official Superior's Report of Injury. On 10/9/64 Hunt leaves work due to a hemorrhaging duodenal ulcer.
- 29 Request for Personnel Action dated 2/16/65; Reassignment CF to V, to O/DBP, Ops Group (marked out: "Operational Services, Office of the Chief" "Ops Grp." handwritten in)

as an Ops. off
remarks: "This employee is
the only qualified person
available for assignment
to this position which
must be filled immediately.
He will be in PRA status
for a period not to
exceed 24 months."

- 30 Undated memo (Cover slip dated
12/8/64) from C/Investigations
Division to C/SRS, since
11/19/63 three Covert Security
Approval requests have
been made by Hunt's office
(A/DO/CA). These are requests
for approvals for Ghost
writers. All these
individuals proved to be
"of very dubious loyalty."
On 11/19/63 Hunt requested
a clearance for [redacted]
[redacted] This case was
cancelled on 12/5/63 after
derogatory information
was discovered. On 12/9/63
Hunt requested clearance

for [redacted] a clearance with severe restrictions was given over ~~the~~ "serious security objection. Hunt cancelled the case on 5/14/64 because the burden of the restrictions. On 8/21/64 a member of Hunt's office requested a clearance for [redacted] [redacted] a personal friend of Hunt. On 11/27/64 the case was withdrawn.

3/ A notification of establishment of [redacted]

dated 1/6/67 lists Hunt's cover history as:

Oct 49 - Dec 50 HQS/Overt

Dec 50 - Mar 53 [redacted]

Mar 53 - June 54 HQS/Overt

June 54 - Oct 56

[11,32]

Dec 56 - Jul 60 [redacted]

Jul 60 - Jul 65

HQS/DAC

Jul 65 - Sep 66

contractual employment O/DDP AS consultant

32. A Special Clearance and/or Billet Approval dated 2/25/49 lists Hunt as "Chief, EUR/CA"
33. A Spec. Clean. a/o Bil. App. dated 9/26/66 lists Hunt as being part of DDP/EUR/SAS.
34. A SC a/o BA dated 8/15/68 says: "As DD/P representative on the CIA team preparing historical material for the Johnson library, Mr Hunt will be required to have access to documents" which require special clearances.
35. Routing slips attached to a 2/6/70 memo re "Give Us This Day" indicate that the book was not submitted to the Agency for review.
36. Memo for the Record by C/SRS dated 2/17/70. A summary of "Give Us..." was given to Thomas Karamessines who

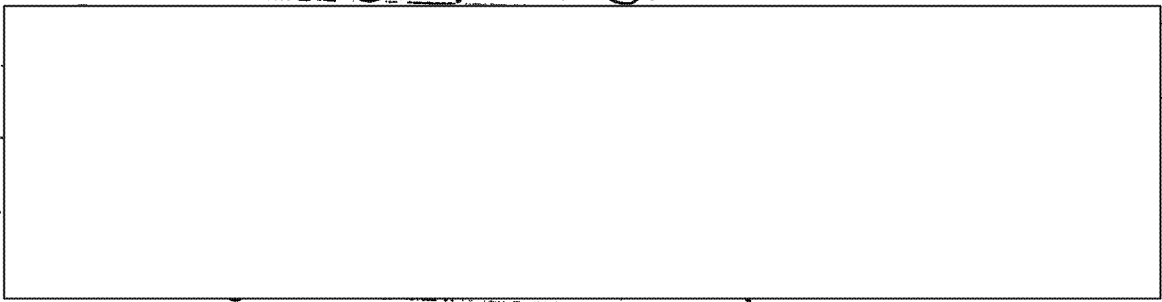
read it + immediately called Hunt in. Hunt at first professed ignorance and then acknowledged authorship. He denied having anything to do with trying to get it published.


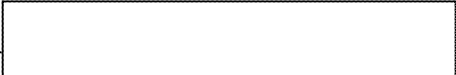
37. Documents indicate that Hunt + the Agency tried to round up all the copies of the manuscript.
38. Request for Personnel Action dated 4/21/70 indicates that Hunt is going ~~in~~ into voluntary retirement.
39. Biographic profile (Part I) lists the following CIA employment history:

	Position	GS	ORGAN 20	LOCATION
NOV 1949	I.O. (editor)	3	OPC/PPSTF/Program ^{II}	HQ
DEC 1950	I.O.	3	OPC/LA/OPS/COS	[Redacted]
JUN 1951	I.O.	4	OPC/LA/DCOM	" "
AUG 1953	OPS.OFF	15	DDP/SE/CH, PPSTAFF	HQ
JUN 1954	OPS.OFF(PP)	15	DDP/FE/SR-NA/CH	[13-3]
FEB 1957	AREA OPS OFF.	15	DDP/WH-II/COS	[Redacted]
NOV 1960	OPS OFF	15	DDP/WH-4	HQ
JUN - NOV 1961 detailed to office of the DCI				
NOV 61	OPS OFF.	15	DDP/CAS/PLANS+RESEARCH/CH/EVAL Br.	HQ
JAN 62	" "	15	DDP/CAS/OC	"
JUL 62	" "	15	DDP/DODS/FACILITIES/CH, R+P sec	"
AUG 64	" "	5	DDP/DOD/U.S. Field/CH, CA STAFF	"
FEB 65	" "	15	DDP/Off. of the DDP/OPS Group.	"
July 1965 - SEP 1966 CONTRACT EMPLOYEE				
SEP 66	OPS OFF.	15	DDP/WE/OPS STAFF	HQ
JAN 67	" "	15	DDP/EUR/SPEC Act STAFF	"
AUG 68	" "	15	DDP/EUR/OPS STAFF	"
APR 70	Retired.			

40 Application for Retirement
signed by Hunt dated
4/14/70

41 Interview report dated 4/24/70.
Reason for interview is
retirement on this date.
Stapled at bottom is a slip
of paper which says:
"Howard Hunt



Public Relations (holographic)"
It is written in beside this is:
"firm has offices in London
& Tokyo. Subject already has
associated himself with
the firm indicated. Subject
stated that Mr. Karamessines
has indicated that he wishes
subject to 'stay in touch' —
that the firm does provide
cover for one person."
signed by 
(unclear but probably)


42 Memo for the Record by [redacted] about the David St. Johns article; interview @ Raymond Rocca; dated 2/14/74.

Follow-up in info in files that two people in [redacted] ~~CI/ops~~ believed CI/ops had knowledge of Hunt's writing activities. Rocca was asked specifically about

- 1) any form of official sponsorship ^{OR ENCOURAGEMENT} of Hunt's work;
- 2) any assistance was asked for from CI/ops.;
- 3) any relationship between that staff & Hunt.

"In response to these questions Mr. Rocca responded 'on the record' that he has no knowledge of any such arrangements nor at any time was he party to any assistance or any requests for " to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Rocca stated that the particular section which he had been

most actively concerned in the past years was responsible for handling a variety of tasks categorized under the area of 'setting the record straight'. In this sense, the 'image' mission of the office was to counter misinformation currently in the media or otherwise believed to be a part of an effort to discredit the Agency. Mr. Rocca feels that any assumption that Mr. Hunt was engaged in any form of Agency sponsored image activity would have probably lead to the conclusion that it was done under the Counter Intelligence Operations. However, Mr. Rocca emphatically stated that this was not the case. Mr. Rocca did venture the opinion that he felt that in all probability an official

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acquiescence on the part
of senior officials might
have been involved
rather than an official
sponsorship."

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