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Mr. Hunt. I am not.

Mr. Baron. Does your answer include not only the period of time before you talked with Colonel Pash but after you talked with Colonel Pash?

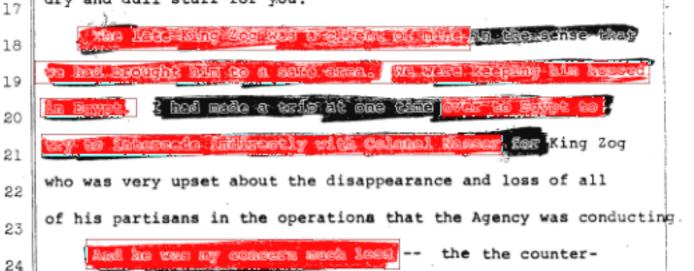
Mr. Hunt. Yes, sir.

I might add that I was rather briefly at CIA headquarters at that time and within a very short period of time after I had had my interview with Colonel Pash, I was transferred to the Guatemala project, the overthrow of Guatemala.

Mr. Baron. Is that the reason why you did not follow up on the problem with this particular suspected double agent after not receiving satisfaction from Colonel Pash?

Mr. Hunt. That cartainly could have been one reason.

On the other hand, I was chief of, I can see I'm really going to have to get into a lot more here. This is going to be dry and dull stuff for you.



intelligence or espionage aspect, which is not my function, but

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deaths in Albania? And that was my introduction to the whole scene in West Germany, where the balance of his retainers were being held by the CIA. Well, not being held, but where they were being housed and trained for Albanian operations.

Mr. Baron. Can you explain the term "retainer"?

Mr. Hunt. Well, I understood that when he finally got out of Albania, that he brought with him what I can best describe as retainers. That is bodyguards, members of his personal staff, probably some relatives. I think he had four or five sisters with him. But the able-bodied portion of those loyalists who came out with him we had largely taken over the body the logo that the largely taken over the body that the never saw them again. He naturally

So that was my interest in what was happening to the Albanians that we parachuted in the Ling to I had no functional counter-espionage interest in the affair. This would have been handled and this was handled by the Chief of Counter-espionage for the Division.

Mr. Baron. Who would that have been at the time?
Mr. Hunt. I can't remember at this point.

title designation rather than the name of the individual because so much time has passed, I have simply forgotten who it was in that particular era.

branch of the Western Europe Division, he has since retired and is running his family's when Business in New York. Certainly the then Chief of Western Europe Division, of which Germany was a functional part and the Chief of Operations of Western Europe should know.

I would think that Jim Angleton, who would have had direct knowledge and always was the Chief of the CI/CE staff.

The Chief of base in problem if in fact Pash conducted any activities in that area, certainly the Chief of base in would have been knowledgeable about it.

Also, the Chief of base at which was where we had the operation going on. I don't know whether Bill Harvy, that is William Harvy, at that time was Chief of Operations are Ballis or whether he was simply running the tunnel, but Harvy might well have some knowledge of Pash.

I would certainly assume that when we're talking about liquidations and that sort of thing that the Agency's overall Office of Security somewhere within it must have been involved, such German Division personnel as might be available today.

West German, and I would also suggest that General Cushman might be knowledgeable for this reason.

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Mr. Hunt. No.

Mr. Baron. Did you ever discuss this matter with anyone other than Colonel Pash?

Mr. Hunt. In that context?

Mr. Baron. In the context of assassinations or kidnapping.

Mr. Hunt. Well, I wasn't involved in plotting or planning any kidnappings. Again, I would suggest that I might very well have gone back to make who was the most interested individual, because he was responsible at the branch level as an operational tool, whereas, I had an overall political responsibility for Ring Food And I have described the background of that, the rubric under which I became interested in the Albanian problem in the first place, and then having talked to Pash, it would have been only natural for me to have said to management look, I've talked with Pash and he says it will have to be approved by higher authority. Now have you gotten, we don't have a body yet, but when you get a name to put on the target, at that point you will have to carry the ball and take it on up the line.

Mr. Baron. And you never heard anything further about it? Mr. Hunt. No, probably because I went within, I think, a comparatively few weeks off to the Guatemala operation.

Mr. Baron. Did anyone ever mention it to you, say did we will be ever mention it to you again?

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Mr. Hunt. I was a member of the PP staff.

Mr. Baron. Is it possible that your conversation with Boris Pash about the assassination of a suspected double agent took place in that time period?

Mr. Hunt. I would have to say it's possible, yes.

Mr. Baron. Would you have been dealing with East European problems or --

Mr. Hunt. No, I was dealing with West European problems.

Mr. Baron. I'm sorry. Would you have been dealing with a problem like this one, a problem with a suspected Albanian double agent in West Germany during that time period?

Mr. Hunt. I can't recall having done so. The West European Division had its own PP staff officer and he would have been the one to take it up, whereas my recollection is that this was generated at a later time when I was in the Southeast European Division and had a direct reason to become interested in the matter.

I have to say that it is possible, but I would say maybe 5 percent possible.

Mr. Baron. And you accord so small a possibility to the hypothesis that you actually talked to Pash about this problem in '49 or '50 because you were not involved in operations in West Germany at that point.

Mr. Hunt. No, I was not.

Mr. Baron. And

account of an incident when he was stationed at that had written a cable to CIA headquarters outlining a propaganda program because he was involved in propaganda operations at that point. And he said, unbeknownst to him, someone else in his station with the approval of the Chief of Station attached an extra paragraph to this cable which suggested the assassination of Chou En Lai in preparation for the Bandoeng Conference where Chou En Lai was supposed to be an important spokesman on behalf of many Asian nations.

And the way that process recounted the incident, he knew nothing about the paragraph that had been attached to his cable until the reply came back very strongly in the negative and eventually, a high ranking CIA official came out to reprime everyone involved in the incident for suggesting assassination.

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I don't know when the Bandoeng Conference took place. I remember it, of course, but I don't remember the year.

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to me and I was surprised when on invasion day Castro was alive. I now realize from testimony that Harvey and others have given that the matter had been discussed long before my arrival on the scene and it was in hand one way or the other.

Mr. Baron. When was your arrival on the scene?

Mr. Hunt. Spring of 1960. I transferred up, I actually made my trip to Havana the summer of 1960, and then we had the Bay of Pigs invasion the following April of '61.

Mr. Baron. Now it is my own recollection of our assassination report that no action was taken to carry out an assassination plan against Castro as early as the spring of 1960.

Did something --

Mr. Hunt. No. I've giving you, I guess, a bureaucratic answer. I was officially transferred back to Washington in the spring of 1960 and I took some leave en route in Spain

and I have described a describin attempt of the Grien military

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Eventually I made my way back to Washington in the spring and early summer and got on the scene within a few days of my actually reporting into the project managers, i.e., Bissell and Barnes, who decided I would go down to Havana for a period of time, and I went down for about a week and came back, and by that time we were talking maybe July or so.

Mr. Baron. July of '60?

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Mr. Hunt. That can't conceivably have been a reference to 1 2 me. Mr. Baron. Why is that? 3 Mr. Hunt. Because I had not been involved in Cuban 4 activities for more than three years at that time. I was 5 purposely isolated from all Cuban activities after the Bay 6 of Pigs. 7 Mr. Baron. You said you did operate out of Madrid for a 8 period of time but it was later than September of '64? 9 Mr. Hunt. No. Let me clarify that. 10 11 12 13 14 15

I was sent to Madrid in either '64 or '65. I can't recall which, and I stayed there less than a year. When the the ontaids. My pressence there the incom to the station. communications were handled independently between myself and Tom Karramessines, who was then Deputy Director for Plans.

This was a project that had been laid on by Dick Helms.

I had no station contact at all the I had no responsibilities 17

o co cocoon; and I had no Cuban activities of any kind. 18

Mr. Baron. And did you have any knowledge of a relationship. to a plan to assassinate Castro, supposedly to take place during a university ceremony?

Mr. Hunt. No.

Mr. Baron. Let's move on now to an entirely different area, and I will ask you to begin by describing your general role in the middle of the 1960s on the CA staff with regard to

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organization, which had been operating out of che National Project in Mashington. We had a project in Which I visited on one occasion called Allies Recipie which we ran out of a Lees Project virginia office.

I had no personal media contacts with American magazines or newspapers, if that is the thrust of your question.

Mr. Baron. Actually, I'm interested in this whole area, both contacts with specific reporters or media people domestically or contacts with publishing houses or contacts abroad in the publishing field.

Mr. Hunt. Well, I've given you the names of the publishing houses that we had contact with. I did on one occasion meet and I can't recall the purpose of it, it was a very large textbook publishing house and their main offices were in New Jersey. If I had an annual for publishers, I could pull it out.

But beside from that publishing house, we never did any business with them. I don't recall of any publishing houses beyond Backers A. Research that is trade publishers, that we dealt with.

We had our own press agency, Concluental Press, which I imagine you're quite familiar with.

Mr. Hunt. Can you describe the standard mode of operating with these various publishing outlets?

In other words, how would you have supplied them with

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Mr. Hunt. I don't know of any. None that I knew of. I would be very surprised if a memorandum showed up saying that we were dealing with Random House, for example. I just don't recall now.

Mr. Baron. Was there any other aspect to your liaison with these publishing houses other than their seeking funds to publish books that you were interested in having published?

Mr. Hunt. Only this, that the USIA was, I think, finally brought into a formal relationship with DOD, at least my part of it, and the head of the book division at USIA and I would meet from time to time and he would indicate that he had a good one that we really ought to do rather than USIA and vice versa. And he knew fully of the Thracegor relationship.

Mr. Baron. Can you describe the process that you would go through to ensure the publication of a book that the CIA was interested in having published? An example that I was given by somebody on our staff who has been looking into this was books written by or ghosted for Chinese

Mr. Hunt. As I recall it, the Chinese branch sort of ran a parallel operation. I don't recaall their coming through us. I don't recall a control book when I was in that particular job. What I do recall is, I remember the Near East Branch brining to our attention a book that they

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would like to have measure publish, and it had to do with the
Chimeso Pakistam border dispute, the name of which I can't
recall. So the manuscript would have been read by Praces 2
or his principal assistant, and he would give an indication
of what he thought the marketability was. And at that point
well, in this instance, we got the funds from the Near East
Division. When it came down to that, why should DOD, who had
no interest in the provide money for
that particular piece of propaganda. So the money would be
transferred somehow from the Near East Division's allocation.
It would be their project, but we would be the managers of it
when it got down to the point of dealing face to face with
The on the matter. My office would keep the division
apprised of the project, when publication could be expected,
and so forth.

Mr. Baron. Were there any other CIA publishing proprietaries than the two you have mentioned, Allied Parific and Consideratel

Mr. Hunt. That I had personal knowledge of within the Domestic Operations Division, no.

Mr. Baron. You qualified that by saying within the Domestic Operations Division. Were there others?

Mr. Hunt. Because the international operations or International Organizational Division under Cord Myer, ran quite a few things in conjunction with the Congress for Cultural Freedom, for example. Radio Free Europe, those things that went on.

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Mr. Baron. Did CIA do ghostwriting for non-CIA publications?

Mr. Hunt. I ghosted a couple of -- I'm very reluctant to go into this, although I have discussed it with John Crowdson. But this is another one of those difficult areas where it's very hard for me to prove.

There came a time in the spring of, I think it was the spring of about 1969, when the Soviet Russia Division asked me if I could cause to have published something on the -- by this time I was no longer with the Domestic Operation Division. I was with Western Europe -- on the increasing use by the REB OF SECTION AS NOTE THE AND THINK I hope this doesn't get out.

And so I went to Helms. Howard Osborne was then Chief of the Division, as I recall. He was late Director of Security, and this had been staffed out. And I prepared the article and it appeared in large portions unchanged under the byline of Calo Succession. And it was not a fabricated article. It was just information which was supplied which he wrote somewhat in his own style, and there was a second article which appeared a month or two months later, and this was done by Dick Helms.

Mr. Baron. Also under Smile by byline?

Mr. Hunt. Yes. You could understand the difficulties involved here and I don't need any more enemies. I have plenty.

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Now that is my own personal contribution to that sort of thing. But I can't think of anything else that was done.

Mr. Baron. By other people? Was it a general practice to supply either prefabricated articles or the material for articles to favorable press contacts in this country?

Mr. Hunt. Well, we know about the weeder's Biggst Phook, which was largely a cooperative venture with the Agency, and that was done by the SR Division.

You are aware of that, aren't you?

Now in that case, you see, the SR reached out on its own. Penkoski Papers was another example. We had nothing to do with that in DOD. That was done, again, by SR division. And I can understand why.

But basically, in answer to your question, I have given you everything that I have personal knowledge of.

Mr. Baron. When you made the arrangement with Calla

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Mr. Hunt. I made no arrangement with him.

Mr. Baron. Who handled liaison with him?

Mr. Hunt. Dick Helms.

Mr. Baron. And was that a one-on-one arrangement or were there other people knowledgeable?

Mr. Hunt. I believe it was a one-on-one, old school tie arrangement.

Was there any list kept at the CIA of favorable Mr. Baron.

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construction of the CIA charter made the project quite suspect because if we were doing a book, for example, on inconssion Communism, who was the target? It would have been highly inappropriate for United States citizens to be the target of the particular book, and we did a hell of a good book on Indonesian Communism. It became about this thick. I can't recall the title.

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published in India, for example, where English is a lingua franca. then you have some basic problems. And I think the way this was rationalized by the project review board that looked over the properation, and the project and continued to the project and things like that was that the ultimate target was formed, which was true, but how much of the project output actually got abroad for any impact I think is highly arguable.

Now, in the case of common Pages, the material was physically mailed from Washington to foreign targets, the material was maked in the United States gave it sort of a credibility lustre abroad in that particular era. If it came out of Washington then it was probably okay.

But I - What I'm trying to get at is that DOD handled operations which were based domestically in the United States, the commercial operations, and this includes proprietary airlines and things like that, whose ultimate target was abroad. The principal target or even a tangential target was not the United States citizen.

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Mr. Baron. Were there any specific instances that you know of of an eventual placement in the U.S. press of a story that the CIA generated or fabricated abroad somewhere? For instance, a story could conceivably be picked up by the UPI or by Reuters that the CIA had planted abroad.

Mr. Hunt. I can't recall anything significant. I would guess that during the Cuban, during the days of maximum Cuban operation that sort of thing happened. I would think it would be unavoidable, but I can't specify.

Mr. Baron. And are there any other instances than things you have mentioned of direct placements of stories in the U.S. press by the CIA?

Mr. Hunt. I have mentioned the which was a cooperative venture with mentioned the two which was a things. No, I can't recall.

Mr. Baron. I touched earlier upon the possibility of disseminating derogatory information about Agency targets. These were you aware of any general program of that nature to discredit either a foreign political leader or a foreign political faction, or domestic political groups or leaders?

Mr. Hunt. To the latter question, no. Domestic, I am not aware of any.

I think the Soviet Russia division was quite active, and it

kept a list, for example, and maintained a very good list of
KGB officers abroad, and when one would show up at Luanda, for
example, they would make sure that the local press got the
man's dossier, or at least a blind handout so that they would
know who the fellow was, much as the Butz counterspy operation
is doing today against the CIA.

Mr. Baron. Did you make arrangements, or did you know of arrangements being made for non-CIA authors to write pieces that were favorable to the CIA?

Mr. Hunt. No.

Mr. Baron. There was no funding of that kind of operaton?

Mr. Hunt. You mean sort of flackery, the favorable publicity for the Agency, is that what you imply?

Mr. Baron. Right.

Mr. Hunt. No.

Mr. Baron. What about subsidizing non-CIA authors to write stories of any sort, or books of any sort that the CIA was interested in having published?

Mr. Hunt. I would say this in a qualified sense. Where in the past we had given Process a commitment to buy X copies of his book on the Elimetery problem, obviously we were subsidizing the author of that book because it was our money that Process was ultimately passing to the individual, but that was Process doing it rather than us. In

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other words, there was never any face to face contact.

Mr. Baron. Aside from dealing through publishing houses that you had established contact with, did you deal individually with authors who were non-CIA employees?

Mr. Hunt. I did not. I don't think DOD did. I think that Far East Division did.

Mr. Baron. Do you know with whom?

Mr. Hunt. You mentioned |Chinese | Colors | for example. Well, they dealt also, the Soviet Russia division dealt with on the Penkoski case. In fact, I had lunch with while he was doing the Penkoski Papers. So that was. an example.

Mr. Baron. Did they have a regular program?

Mr. Hunt. Yes, I think so.

Mr. Baron. Both of those two divisions?

Mr. Hunt. Yes.

Mr. Baron. Is there anything else that you think we would need in order to have a fairly clear, complete picture of the relations to the media or the publishing industry?

Mr. Hunt. Well, I think you could get probably a good deal more information from Cord Myer, who had a lot of that directly under him when he was Chief of the International Organizations Division, and of course, he served as Deputy Chief of Clandestine Services for quite a while. He would probably have as panoramic knowledge as anybody. I guess he's

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