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1. [redacted] Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, called to ask about the front page story in today's Washington Post about Howard Hunt surveilling Senator Barry Goldwater. I reminded Nedzi that John McCone was Director in those days and said that we were checking into every angle of the story and talking to everyone who might throw any light on it, but so far had found nothing in any way supporting it. I said if we did, we would let him know immediately.

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Nedzi asked how sensitive information about the number of people we had in Indochina was. I said we considered it secret but if some of his colleagues were pressing him on this, we would provide it to him for use at his discretion.

2. [redacted] Senator Stuart Symington called to ask about the story in today's Washington Post on Howard Hunt. I reminded him that John McCone was Director at the time and said our investigation to date had produced nothing in any way supporting the story but would let him know if we came up with anything. He seemed satisfied and said he would see us tomorrow.

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3. [redacted] Tom Braden, who writes a column syndicated by the Los Angeles Times, called about the Washington Post story on Howard Hunt surveilling Senator Goldwater. See Memo for Record.

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[redacted] In response to his request, I checked the medical records and called back to tell Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, that Howard Hunt had gone on sick leave on 12 October 1964 and was hospitalized from then until 16 October 1964 and apparently had remained on sick leave until 8 December 1964.

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