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Dear George:

I have received your note of June 9, and appreciate your calling to my attention our headline "CIA Goal: Drug, Not Kill, Anderson."

I passed your comments along to our editor, Jim Bellows, who states that the headline is poor and overdone. I agree with him. I can only apologize to you and say we will redouble our efforts to watch our headline writing.

Please give my best regards to Barbara.

Sincerely,

Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

P. S. Always call these things to my attention. It may not always correct the past errors, but it will help us to do better as time goes on.



6-9-76

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Dear Joe —

Damn it — I
hate to bitch but
this headline just
doesn't seem fair
The story points
out Hunt was a
former CIA hand, but
the headline is a

DCI/GB

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little rough - amend
that please - just
darned untrue -
Sorry but I
just had to vent
my frustrations.

See you soon I
hope - But -



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THE WASHINGTON STAR (GREEN LINE)
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CIA Goal: Drug, Not Kill, Anderson

By Vernon A. Guidry Jr.
Washington Star Staff Writer

The Senate Intelligence Committee staff says it hasn't found any evidence that the Nixon White House ordered Jack Anderson assassinated, but it does appear that there was discussion of drugging the columnist to discredit him.

"The White House effort was made in consultation with a former CIA physician to explore means of drugging Anderson to discredit him by rendering him incoherent before a public appearance. This effort apparently never proceeded beyond the planning stage," said the report

which was released yesterday.

The chief figure in the planning was Watergate conspirator and former CIA agent E. Howard Hunt.

"HOWARD HUNT testified that somewhere in late 1971 or early 1972 special counsel to the president Charles Colson called Hunt into his office and asked him to find a means of discrediting newspaper columnist Jack Anderson," the report said.

"Hunt testified that neither Colson or anyone else ever mentioned him the possibility of assassinating Anderson even in the sense

of contingency planning," the report continued.

Colson did not go along with Hunt's version. The former White House insider told the committee that he recalled "Hunt on a couple of occasions coming to me with some hair-brained schemes, something to do with drugging involving Jack Anderson."

COLSON TOLD the committee the only serious discussion of the effect of drugs on a specific target involved a plan to disorient Daniel Ellsberg, which Colson said "never received a very sympathetic reaction."

The committee investigated the issue after a September 1975 Washington Post report that Hunt told associates he had been ordered to assassinate Anderson but that the plan was canceled at the last minute.