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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Inspector General

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations
Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT : Watergate Related Matters

1. Following is information obtained by [redacted] of CCS while talking with Mr. Mullen of the Robert R. Mullen Company on 20 August 1973. This information was obtained while talking with Mr. Mullen concerning the termination of agents previously under cover of his company.

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2. Mr. Mullen reported that when Mr. Robert Bennett, president of Robert R. Mullen Company, was interviewed by the Ervin Committee a week or so ago in the Senate Office Building, Howard Hunt poked his head in the door and talked with Mr. Bennett for a short time. Mr. Bennett said that Mr. Hunt was his own effervescent self and appeared to be well physically and mentally. This was directly opposite to a report Mr. Mullen had received from a woman who had reason to see Mr. Hunt about a month ago and who reported that Mr. Hunt appeared to be a completely shattered person. Mr. Bennett was not asked any questions by the Committee relating to CIA.

3. Mr. Mullen then recalled that [redacted] formerly of the Retirement Affairs Branch, had contacted him over three years ago asking him to talk with Mr. Hunt for the purpose of helping Mr. Hunt obtain employment. Mr. Hunt, who was retiring from the Agency, showed Mr. Mullen a letter of recommendation allegedly written by Mr. Richard Helms, then director of CIA. Mr. Mullen observed that in view of Mr. Hunt's admitted forgery of State Department cables, he now wondered whether the letter was authentic. Mr. Mullen, who had known Mr. Hunt during World War II, obtained several interviews for Mr. Hunt, one being with the General Foods Company, which informed Mr. Mullen that Mr. Hunt was a bright, intelligent individual but that unfortunately it did not have an opening. Mr. Mullen about that time needed someone to help with his HEW contract and hired Mr. Hunt who did

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an outstanding job for the Robert R. Mullen Company. Mr. Mullen felt that Mr. Hunt's heart was not really in the Robert R. Mullen Company business, however, and that he missed his more exciting Agency duties. Mr. Mullen said that Mr. Hunt later took a job with the White House staff and worked part time for Robert R. Mullen Company. During this period, with the Agency pension and two employers, Mr. Mullen estimated Hunt's income as about \$60,000 per year.

4. Mr. Mullen also recalled that several years ago [redacted] inquired concerning the possibility of transferring [redacted] Mr. Mullen had discussed the matter with Mr. Hunt to get his ideas and later lunched with Mr. Hunt and Mr. Cord Meyer, then ADDP, concerning [redacted] placement in [redacted] CCS was not previously aware that Hunt had introduced Mr. Meyer to Mr. Mullen and Robert R. Mullen Company. [redacted] did not inquire of Mr. Mullen whether Mr. Hunt had introduced other Agency personnel to Mr. Mullen or Mr. Bennett.

[redacted] Acting Chief, Central Cover Staff

cc: DDP
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