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Mr. William Colby  
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Dear Bill,

Last week I mentioned to one of the lads at the Embassy that I had access to data concerning Howard Hunt's proposed book and suggested he inquire if the agency wanted details.

You probably are already knowledgeable or have approached Putnams in New York, but on the off-chance that you have not, let me say that an English publishing house interested in publishing the Hunt book approached me with a chapter by chapter synopsis and asked for my opinion as to the veracity of some of the subject matter to be included.

The chapters were on early intelligence experiences in China, Guatamala, CIA airlines, Hunt's experiences as COS Montevideo (including his falling out with the two top State officials there whom he will tear a strip off, but it is old hat), Cuba, service as "aide to AWD", CIA domestic ops, service in 1964 as a "CIA/White House spy on Goldwater and who was involved", establishment of a PR firm with Howard Hughes as client, close relations with Colson and Erlichman, General Cushman and CIA assistance to Hunt and why it ended and how Hunt was "abandoned by his former colleagues including Helms".

I believe Hunt is requesting a \$500,000 advance plus royalties from Putnam. W.H. Allen may publish the English edition which will probably also be serialized in one of the Sunday newspapers. It should be sensational reading. Publication in the U.S. is being rushed.

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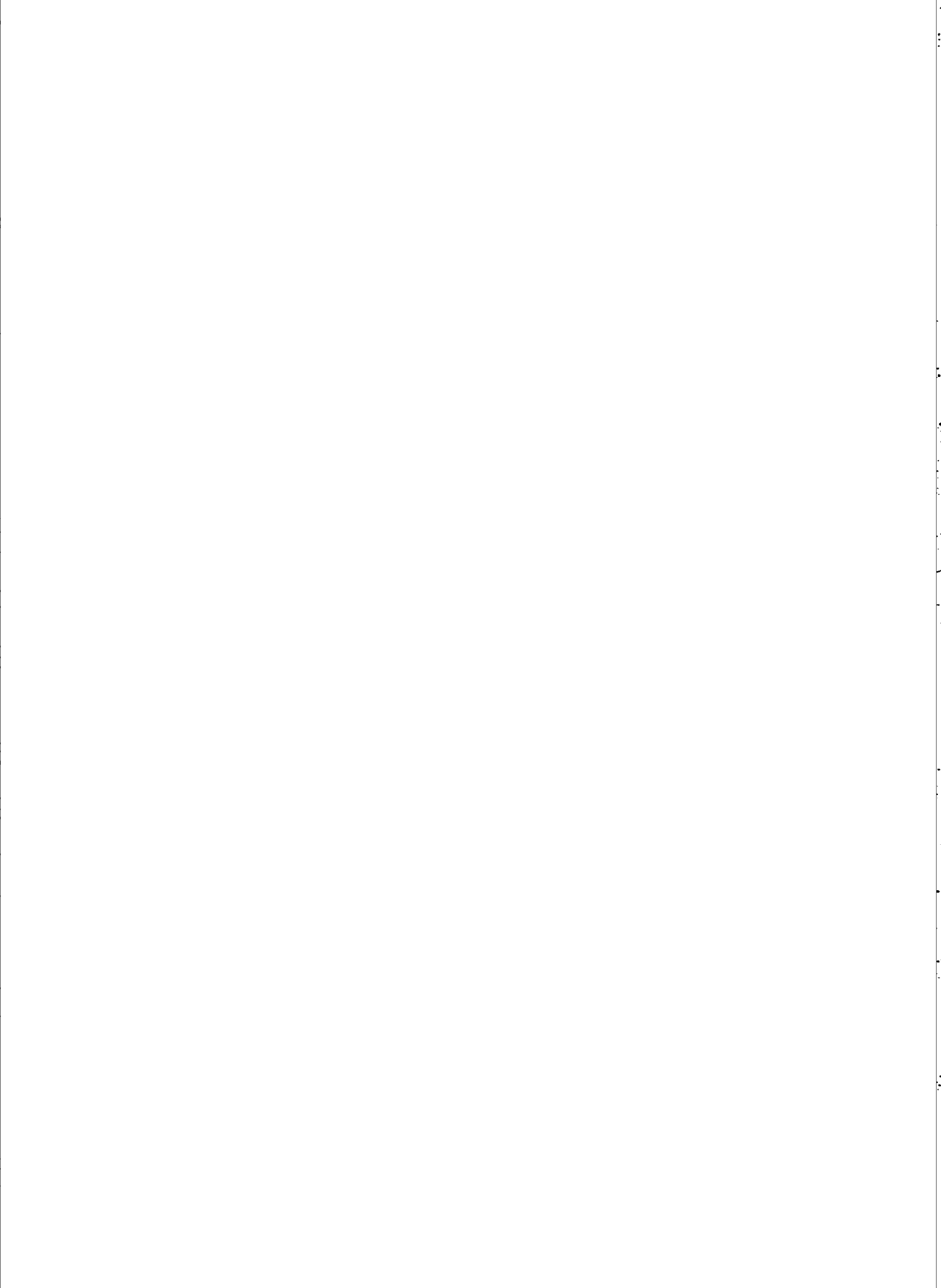
Enclosed is an internal memo of Putnam's which gives more of the flavor of the book than the scenario above. It appears that a major thrust of his book will be an expose of the agency.

Sincerely,



Alfred C. Ulmer, Jr.

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