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NOTE FOR: Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Question of Agency Involvement in the Watergate  
Bugging Preparations

TREW HITT

1. In a conversation yesterday afternoon with Henry Truitt,  
Newsweek magazine, while we were working on our respective lawns,  
he mentioned that his staff is looking at the question of possible Agency  
involvement in the beginning stages of preparation for the "Watergate."  
He said that it is known that the Agency was approached for help before  
CREEP--don't know whether it was a matter of not trusting Pat Gray  
and the FBI or what--but that Helms turned them down cold. They are  
now looking into the possibility that Howard Hunt might have been suggested,  
as one who had recently left the Agency--"but knowing Dick it might have  
stopped right there with him without mention to anyone else in the Agency."  
He said there are a couple of people now in the Middle East looking into  
this possibility.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

*i.e. Newsweek middle  
east staffers going to  
ask Helms.  
AT*

[Redacted] *assumes this means  
newsweek staff.*

[Redacted] *Further assumes -- he  
just listened; didn't quiz  
Trehitt -- Helms was  
meant to be man who did  
suggesting.*

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