

February 11, 1972  
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**IRVING**

Good evening. Well - Life Magazine has finally decided to FORGET IT - calling Clifford Irving's supposed autobiography of Howard Hughes a HOAX. Life announcing it is cancelling its agreement with - McGraw Hill - a quarter million dollar agreement - to run excerpts from the book in the magazine.

DA NANG

*6:00 pm*

*In Vietnam - where the start of Tet is just a weekend away - U.S. troops were placed on "yellow alert" today in and around Da Nang. South Vietnam's second largest city - considered a prime target for enemy attack, if and when,*

*At the same time, an outbreak of heavy fighting - in the nearby coastal province of Binh Dinh. But this - we are told - more than likely a mere diversion.*

*Meanwhile, American jets were stepping up their attacks against suspected enemy infiltration routes - especially near Hue. The U.S. Command also canceling scheduled shore leave - for the U.S.S. Coral Sea; thereby assuring the continued presence of three American aircraft carriers in the Tonkin Gulf - primed and ready for come what may.*

**KEY BISCAYNE FOLLOW DA NANG**

*Here at home - the Vietnam war was again a central issue today - in Campaign 'Seventy-Two. Senator Humphrey urging the Administration to set up high-level briefings - in order to keep the various candidates fully informed. Secretary of State William Rogers later letting it be known - he will be available for such briefings as soon as he gets back from Red China.*

*The Florida White House was quick to stress, however - that primary candidates will get no information not provided to other public figures. This - it was said - in keeping with "past practices;" where "the formal briefings of a candidate" has only begun - "once the major party convention chooses its nominee."*

## KING GEORGE ISLAND

*For passengers and crew of the Norwegian cruise ship Lindblad Explorer - a hundred and seventy, in all - a close call today. In the midst of a sightseeing voyage to the Antarctic - a sudden, violent storm; with the ship running aground - on the coast of Chile's desolate King George Island.*

*Luckily though - the ship remaining intact. Thus the voyagers - many of them Americans - taking refuge on land for a time; only to head back finally - in the face of a raging blizzard and bone-chilling winds. And there a later rescue - by two Chilean naval vessels.*

*Incidentally, one of the passengers aboard the Lindblad Explorer - a Briton by the name of Peter Scott; son of the famed explorer - Sir Robert Falcon Scott - who himself reached the South Pole back in Nineteen-Eleven, but died - doing it.*

## CHICAGO

*For Secretary of Labor James Hodgson - a trip today to Chicago where he addressed a meeting of the American Management Association. Hodgson citing unemployment figures - showing there are now "more than three hundred thousand veterans without jobs;" therefore, urging a nationwide campaign - to "hire the vet." Hodgson adding that the normal vet - "is a good bet for employment;" and the disabled vet - said he - "an outstanding bet."*

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "MIAMI-TWO"**

**And now - it's time for Lowell Thomas; reporting  
again tonight - from the city of Miami. Lowell....**

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## ATLANTA

The central figure in this next - from Atlanta - a chap by the name of Mark Zwecker. Remember the name! Mark Zwecker - the victim of a recent burglary; losing a credit card - also, a customized watch. The first - quickly recovered though. Police arresting one Andrew Swain - in the act of making a credit purchase.

Next stop - a local courtroom; where Swain pleaded not guilty - saying he had merely found the credit card. Which might have worked - except that Mark Zwecker was also present. He noted that Swain was wearing a fancy watch - suggesting to police it might be his own. Whereupon an officer approached the suspect and said: "Say, that's a nice watch you have there - what kind is it?" Defendant Swain glancing at the name inscribed on the dial - replying: "It's a Mark Zwecker."

I might add, the last word, as usual - from the judge "Three years" - said he. For Lowell Thomas - this is Charles Osgood - Good Night.