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On Tuesday

Bill Casey, prior to his most recent illness and some months before resigning as CIA director, contacted a prominent out-of-town literary agent with a good track record for Washington book sales about selling his story.

That story will never be told, in part as a result of his failing health. But the former top spy has another one already on paper. Several publishers have read his manuscript, tentatively titled "The Clandestine War Against Hitler," a first-person account of his days as a member of the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. Although it's not the book everyone is waiting for, it's under consideration by Scribner's, MacMillan and other publishing houses.

Ted Turner, owner of Cable News Network, didn't testify on problems of the broadcast networks and news divisions at the House telecommunications subcommittee hearings last week, but apparently not because of the high principle that journalists don't have to answer to congressmen about how to cover the news. Ted didn't testify simply because the subcommittee didn't invite him to participate in what he considers the panel of his peers, including CBS' **Larry Tisch** and fellow network CEOs.

With all the talk about the bugging of our embassy in Moscow, new status at Washington parties is based upon having visited "the bubble," the supposedly secure area of the embassy. **Anna Chennault**, president of TAC International, who's been there twice, and columnist **Arnold Beichman** exchanged bubble stories at Federal Trade Commission Chairman **Dan Oliver's** dinner at his Cleveland Park home the other evening, which also attracted **Midge Decter**, who heads Committee for The Free World, and **T.C. Chen**, the former minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of China.

TV evangelists **Jim Bakker** and **Oral Roberts** have been called a lot of names recently, but only **Charles Sutherland** refers to them as "Disciples of Destruction" in his new book of the same name about the religious origins of war and terrorism. Charles concludes that the terrorism prevalent today is seen in the perspective of history as a continuation of Judeo-Christian practices and philosophy. No need to stop the press for this old chestnut, but he'll flog his book Thursday night at the Marrakesh.

Can you imagine a network television series a la "Cagney & Lacey" modeled after two senators, the very spunky **Barbara Mikulski** and the very proper **Nancy Kassebaum**? Producer **Barney Rosenzweig**, in town with **Sharon Gless**, who plays Cagney on the series he produces, says he's fascinated by women politicians, and hopes to do such a series.

If you haven't yet read **Ron Kessler's** biography "The Richest Man In The World, The Story of **Adnan Khashoggi**," you'll be able to buy it in paperback next month. The author added a chapter on the Saudi armist's role in the Iran affair and his current financial problems. Now, Ron's busy at work on his next book, to be published by MacMillan next year. This one's about the FBI's counterintelligence program.

Rep. **Byron Dorgan** of North Dakota assisted his wife, **Kimberly Olson**, in the birth of their new son. Is this what they mean by oversight authority? They named him **Brendon Patrick**.

Pals of GOP fund-raiser **Brad O'Leary** lured him to a friend's home in Georgetown for a surprise birthday bash the other evening. GOP consultant **Charlie Black** told him he had a possible commitment for \$10,000 to **Jack Kemp's** campaign, and needed Brad to seal the deal. That's one time Brad arrived on time. He didn't find any contributors, but instead a gang of well-wishers.

Ken DeCell, who's familiar with Capitol Hill since he once worked for former Rep. **David Bowen** of Mississippi, leaves his position as senior editor at Washingtonian to become editor in chief of Roll Call, the wee congressional weekly purchased last year by Levitt Communications. Boutique journalism continues as the hottest fad in town.

— **Karen Feld**