Reading Number 12

from *The Power Elite*

by C. Wright Mills

**From Synopsis**—“A three-part elite rules, he believes, composed of corporate, political and military leaders.”

**p. 74, ¶ 4, line 1**—“Families and churches and schools adapt to modern life; governments and armies and corporations shape it; and, as they do so, they turn these lesser institutions into means for their ends.”

**p. 75, ¶ 4, line 1**—“The economy — once a great scatter of small productive units in autonomous balance — has become dominated by two or three hundred giant corporations, administratively and politically interrelated, which together hold the keys to economic decisions.”

**p. 77, ¶ 2, line 1**—“The conception of the power elite and of its unity rests upon the corresponding developments and the coincidence of interests among economic, political, and military organizations.”