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## That Leaked CIA Report

Three major issues emerge from the furor over the leaked final report by the House Select Committee on Intelligence:

• What the substance of the report says about the integrity and effectiveness of United States intelligence activities. The damaging leaked material will have to be weighed in the context of the whole report to be released at the end of the week.

Headlines have gone to the CIA and such covert activities as supporting political parties overseas. Cited as failures are insufficient advance warnings by the CIA on Cyprus, Portugal, India's nuclear explosion, the Middle East war of 1973 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. Committee sources say the CIA did not respond to requests for details on CIA successes but mentioned in general terms the forestalling of Communist control in Europe after World War II and the prevention of the spread of Castro's communism to other Latin-American countries. The public will have to weigh the CIA's claim to such vital achievements along with the allegations of its shortcomings.

• The decision of the House committee to release the report over objections by the administration. The committee did make some alterations in the report, such as removing individual names. Whether the report now contains "classified" information or generalizations based on classified information — and whether those generalizations themselves should be considered classified — are among the questions.

The committee had worked out an agreement with President Ford on using the courts as a last resort when he opposed release of information. The reasoning on going ahead with the report is that the agreement applied to the information-gathering stage and could not be used to restrict the report itself. Representative McClory, ranking Republican, is among those arguing against the release of secret information on the grounds of keeping faith with the administration and preserving the lawmakers' credibility in seeking reforms. Again the full report is awaited to see whether the objections of the White House and CIA director Colby are justified.

• The leaking of information from the report in advance of its official publication. This is an issue separate from the committee's decision to publish openly. Chairman Pike earlier cited widespread leaking of classified information as a reason for not extending the life of the committee.

But the question of who is doing the leaking remains. In the present instance, the committee staff director calls the leaking a blow and says he doubts it was from the committee. He notes many copies were available in the executive branch. The leaking might have been engineered to discredit the committee and its report in advance.

Leaking can probably never be stamped out so long as it suits someone's purposes in controversial situations. But the sorry history of it during the congressional intelligence investigations suggests that stringent safeguards against it should be part of whatever reforms emerge from the current turmoil of disclosure.

Strengthened congressional oversight also should include provisions governing the responsibilities on both sides in executive sharing of the information necessary for Congress to fulfill its oversight role.

Foreshadowed in current discussion of the report is the finding that the U.S. has too much overlapping intelligence activity. There should be measures to reduce duplication and improve returns on the expenditures disclosed to be larger than anybody thought.

One expected impression is that the intelligence gathering itself is done effectively but not effectively managed at the Washington end. CIA operations are said to emerge as less of a problem in themselves than FBI operations. What is needed is the machinery for accountability to ensure the maintenance of all necessary intelligence operations and the weeding out of wrongful and ineffective ones.

—Christian Science Monitor

'What do you mean, they look somewhat alike?'



by Marty Vega

## Scientific Quiz Here

This week's lesson is a personality quiz to help you determine your type. The questions have been scientifically chosen and the multiple choice answers will yield an accuracy quotient greater than the Minnesota Multi-Personality Phase Wheaties battery of tests.

If you wish to take the test, mail two dollars in care of this column along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Wait five days, then you may begin. Use a soft lead pencil and mark all answers clearly. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS and choose the answer that fits you.

1. When entering a laundromat with your dirty laundry, do you?

A. Go directly to the first machine nearest the door and

dump everything and quickly shut the lid.

B. Have your clothes neatly bundled in bags or laundry baskets and old, raggedy rugs under your arm?

C. Bring everything but the raggedy rugs in a Hefty lawn and leaf bag.

D. Light a cigar as you step in the door.

2. The brand of detergent you use is:

A. A large, or king sized box of the leading national brand known for superior cleaning that you brought with you.

B. A large, or king sized box of brand X not known for its superior cleaning which someone left and you found.

C. Anything you can get for a dime out of the vending machines.

D. Fels Naptha, but you feel uneasy and troubled because the name somehow sounds dangerous.

3. When loading your clothes in the washer, do you?

A. Check temperature settings and use "warm" or "cold" wash to conserve energy.

B. Don't load anything until no one is looking in your direction.

C. Watch the person next to you closely to see how they do it.

D. Discover a child's red wool sock in the bottom of the machine you are using for your whites and underwear after the wash cycle has started.

4. While waiting for your clothes to finish in the dryer, do you?

A. Leave the laundromat and do a few errands until it is time for your clothes to be done.

B. Pretend to leave, but drive back and position yourself where you have a view of the inside and the dryer you are using.

C. Have brought a book with you, but find yourself distracted by glancing about suspiciously at the other people near the dryers.

D. Have a seat and chat amiably with the person next to you about the potential hazards of Fels Naptha.

5. Compare your wash with other people. The answer which best describes your feeling is:

A. Cleaner, whiter are whiter, colors brighter, fresh and like spring.

B. Clean, but you should have used bleach.

C. You decide to do it over again.

D. You throw it all into the Hefty bag, including the old, raggedy rugs, and leave without speaking.

### "SET FIRE TO THE WOODS, ON PURPOSE?"

Yes. It's a shameful fact of life here in the South. Last year, over 58,000 wildfires — many of them set maliciously — damaged more than 900,000 acres of one of our most precious resources — the forest. Watch for and report woods arsonists. If you don't, we all lose.

**WILDFIRE.**  
 It's a crime.  
 And it spreads to everyone.

Yours faithfully,  
 J.A.

## Letters To The Editor

As a PROUD employee of the United States Postal Service (USPS), I am going to speak out in defense of the Service.

If the people who are complaining the most would just sit down and think about how much work it takes to deliver each letter they mail, I don't think they would say that 13 cents is too much to pay. I couldn't even begin to list all the different steps it takes to get one letter from your local address to its destination. But for 13 cents, you can get a letter delivered across town, across the state, the nation, or in some cases, to military personnel overseas. Where else can you get so much for so little?

When a major rule or regulation is made, it is always made on a national level. Each new regulation is made for one purpose. This is to give better and faster service to you, our postal customers. Our main goal in the Postal Service is to give fast, dependable, courteous service to our customers. We depend on you for our livelihood, so we want to please you and keep you coming back. Without you, we're out of business.

Sometimes, you may hear an employee of the Postal Service complain. In an organization the size of the USPS, there are some who are more concerned with the money rather than providing a service for the public. They never want to give eight hours' work for eight hours' pay. These are the people who should get out and give the hard working men and women (who earn their pay) a chance to help get the Service out of the financial difficulty it is now faced with. We can't do this over night, but now is a good time to start. Too, the satisfied employees should start telling just a few people what a service they are getting for their money. I believe that by doing this we could cut out most of the complaints from our local customers. The news might just spread over the state and country.

If a customer has a complaint, we have a pre-paid Consumer Service Card for this purpose. Take advantage of these cards to let our Postmaster General know how we can improve our service to you. These same cards can be used to give an employee credit for outstanding service. We are willing to listen and try to please you if you'll just let us know what you want. Think how nice it could be if we could give you the service you want, and you could give us compliments instead of complaints.

Margaret Lane  
 Part-Time Flexible Clerk  
 Raeford, N.C.

Editors Note: A copy of the following letter sent to Sheriff D.M. Barrington was sent to The News-Journal. It is published as a letter to the editor:

Dear Sheriff Barrington,

At the February monthly meeting of the Hoke County Chapter of The Disabled American Veterans, it was a unanimous decision that we send this message of concern for you, confidence in your ability, and a request that you re-consider your future plans to resign as the Sheriff of Hoke County.

## CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY** -- With the presidential primary only a little more than six weeks away, let's take a glance back at the last two presidential elections to see what happened in North Carolina. In 1968 North Carolina did not have a presidential primary but George Wallace was a Third Party candidate in the general election. In North Carolina Nixon led with 627,192 votes with 40 percent of the total, followed by Wallace with 492,188 votes or 31 percent of the total. Humphrey came in third with 464,113 or 29 percent of the vote.

Four years later North Carolina had a presidential primary with Wallace leading with 413,518 votes or a little over 50 percent of the vote. Sanford received 306,014 or 37 percent of the vote. Rep. Shirley Chisholm, black congresswoman from New York state received 61,723 or 8 percent of the vote, followed by Muskie with 30,739 and Henry Jackson with 9,416.

Now, six weeks before the 1976 presidential primary most people seem to feel that Wallace will lead the field again with possibly Jimmy Carter of Georgia coming in second unless the charge of double-talk or straddling becomes an issue against him.

All eyes will be glued to the outcome of the New Hampshire primary where presidential candidates have in the past bit the dust. Next will be Massachusetts where the school busing issue is pretty strong. In 1972 Massachusetts was

We realize we are but a small group, but are proud that it is THE most select group or organization in this or any other community. There are but 208 veterans in Hoke County receiving benefits from war inflicted wounds, and only a small percentage of that group who is 100 percent permanently and totally, service connected disabled. The reason for these figures is to say we are "little, but loud and proud", and we are behind you one hundred percent. Anyone we feel, who could be otherwise is either ignorant or just won't remember the many years of excellent public service you have rendered everyone, equally and fairly.

The Hoke County Chapter of The Disabled American Veterans just wants you to know how we feel and let you be cognizant of the fact that nothing you have done would shake our faith in your protective, leadership ability as Sheriff. In simple words, if you should resign, what do we have to look forward to??

Sincerely given,  
 Charlie Woodel, Commander  
 William Lowe, Senior Vice Com.  
 Hansel N. Gurley, Adjutant

The News-Journal  
 Raeford, N.C.

Sir:

In my entire lifetime I have never written a "Letter to the Editor".

But a news item in the Sat., Jan. 31, 1976 Fayetteville Observer concerning your county's sheriff has prompted me to do so.

First of all I want to identify myself as a resident of Scotland County and I have never lived in your Hoke. I have also been a professional bail bondsman for 29 years, therefore my brief but pleasant association with your sheriff developed when back in 1968 and 1969 Hoke County prisoners were lodged in the Scotland County jail while your new Hoke County Jail was under construction.

I wish to state to every citizen of Hoke County, through your paper, that never have I known and been acquainted with a finer or more honest sheriff than your Dave Barrington. Not only is he the above, but a dedicated law officer to boot.

If he is allowed to resign as he states if any citizen or county commissioner requests him to do so, then you-yes every citizen of Hoke County, including the former Deputy Dial, will be the loser.

If he does not choose to run in 1978, your county will lose one of the most effective, dedicated sheriffs in the state of North Carolina.

Now to the reason for all this-Dave Barrington's intervening on the behalf of a former sheriff's daughter. If the court system were emptied of both lawyers and judges who engaged in plea bargaining in this entire United States, your courts would be closed within the week.

Dave Barrington, being honest as he is, readily admitted his part in this unfortunate matter. Ask yourselves how many people under the same circumstances would react as he did.

I truly hope that common sense will prevail, and that the people of Hoke County will rally behind their sheriff and let everyone know they stand with him.

Very truly yours,  
 William H. Lee

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, February 1, 1951

Some 120 members of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, ladies and other guests heard University of North Carolina Comptroller W.D. Carmichael speak and saw Lewis Upchurch get the club's "Man of the Year" award at the Hoke county high school lunchroom last Thursday night at the club's annual Ladies Night.

Neill A. McDonald, county chairman for the March of Dimes, said this week that things were looking up after the lag reported last week and that the halfway mark on the \$5000 quota had been reached.

Hoke Cage team wins three, Lyda Williams breaks scoring mark.

15 years ago

Thursday, February 2, 1961

The Bank of Raeford made it a clean sweep Monday night when A.W. Wood, Jr., assistant cashier, was presented the Distinguished Service Award for the Young Man of the Year in Hoke County. R.B. Lewis, President of the bank, earlier in the month received the Raeford Kiwanis Club's "Man of the Year" award.

James Malcolm Guin, All-East hallback from Hoke County High School, has signed a grant-in-aid to attend North Carolina State College, head football coach Earle Edwards, announced this week.

From Rockfish News:  
 This weather just suits the Nail Keg group and sometimes there are so many standing around the heaters in the stores it creates a traffic jam for customers.