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CIA Agent Outed For Partisan Purposes? It's Happened Before. When? Vietnam.

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Writer John H. Richardson has a fascinating op-ed column from the Sunday New York Times detailing how his own father was outed as a CIA agent in 1963 -- thus endangering national security -- because he wouldn't support encouraging a coup against the South Vietnamese president.

But in a horrible way, time proved him right. We never did pull off the magic trick of finding a foreign proxy who was both strong and obedient, and that meant that we owned what we had broken. Fifty-eight thousand dead Americans later, it seemed safe to conclude one thing: When "high official sources" start exposing C.I.A. officers to force their agenda, watch out.

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