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SUMMARY OF MAJOR MEDIA ITEMS ON INTELLIGENCE

The Klaus Barbie Case. Columnist John L. Hess says that Washington refuses to open the dossier on Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie on grounds of national security even though it might be very good for our national security to open it. He says the U.S. secret services "are more like rocks in marshy ground; tip one over and weird things crawl out. We got a glimpse of some of these creatures in the Watergate trial What I am referring to here is ... a breed of 'false flag' CIA agents who doubled as gangsters and smugglers in South America. One of them turned up briefly in the plotting against President Salvador Allende of Chile. This agent was a drunk, a brawler, some sort of racketeer and a terrible security risk. Add him to the list of criminals and crimes that have been linked to 'The Company' only in the last few years: the Wilson-Terpil Libyan connection, the worldwide Nugan-Hand banking scandal, a car-theft ring in Southern California, a shady bank in the Bahamas, an international swindler based in Liechtenstein, and so on. These are cases that have emerged despite CIA efforts to keep the lid on. What else is hidden under those rocks? And what for?" (BALTIMORE SUN, 2 March, p. A-11)

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