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# *The French Revolution*

Reagan and Mitterrand  
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## Washington Ways

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Richard Helms was still U.S. ambassador to Iran when Anwar Sadat made a state visit to Tehran in 1976. As former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Helms had made headlines shuttling back and forth to the United States to testify on the CIA's role in Watergate and in Chile's 1970 presidential elections.

At a reception, Sadat turned to Helms and, in his distinctively accented English, startled America's former head spook by asking: "Why do you do this striptease?"

"I'm sorry, Mr. President," Helms replied, "I don't quite understand what you're saying."

"What I'm talking about," Sadat scolded, "is all these secrets the CIA is putting out in public. It's very silly to do things like that."

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