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only few raise the issues because,  
I think, they want to say. "See, our  
view is correct. The Government by  
amnesty admits error."

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Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29, 1975

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**'Careless' C.I.A.** 12/31/75

To the Editor:

Reflecting on the assassination of  
Richard Welch, C.I.A. chief of station  
in Athens, one cannot but be amazed  
at the carelessness of our "super-  
secret" spy agency. Less than a year  
ago while this writer was working on  
contract with the U. S. A. I. D. mission  
in Peru, Mr. Welch's cover was blown  
in a front-page story in one of the  
Lima daily newspapers. Although in  
the incestuous U. S. diplomatic com-  
munities around the world it is usually  
common knowledge who the C.I.A.  
officers are, public revelation of such  
should occasion fairly prompt repost-  
ing to Washington. Instead, Mr. Welch,  
several months after being publicly  
identified in Peru, was transferred di-  
rectly to Athens, holding the same  
transparent title he had held in Lima,  
special assistant to the Ambassador.

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