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licims and the CIA. kind of shd passion about Richard Hilton the other night, carefully sipping a drink and talking with a able in the bar of the Pittsburgh

"The last time I saw him," the former CBS:TV reporter said, "was on the Fourth of July. There was a fireworks show at Mount Vernon College, and we went there and ran into Dick and Cyn. thia Helms. We exchanged the usual polite helios, and then he said, 'I hope you're doing a book.' I said, 'Actually, It's done."

Helms stopped, as if wanting to know what Schorr had don'to him in the book, "Clearing the Air," a superb account, of Schorr's reporting activities during the Watergate period and it's aftermath.

days ago. In a deal approved by the White House, Itelms was allowed to plead no contest to a misdomennor, the stead of risking fall on a perjuty rap for lying to a congressional committee about CIA activities in Chile, Immy Carter's 'acceptance speech pledge



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one of the reporters waiting for Itelms of outside Rockefeller's office, and as the former CIA chief, and then ambassa dor to Iran, emerged, Schorr offered his dhand in greeting blich!" Helms raged, "You son of a blich!" Helms raged, "You killer! You — Killer Schorr — that's what they ought to call you!"

The reporters were appalled and proceed that they ought to call you!" commission in April 1975, Schotz was i. Iran to testify before the Rockefeller

took Helms to another room where he is said essentially, the same things, in some moderate language, before the TV cameras. When he left, Schorr followed if him down the hall. "Mr. Helms," the shouted, "there are things you just don't know." Helms, stopped. A. former would be the before the shouted that the stopped of t

n't know.

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dent Ford himself), that had forced to "too much" for him. They shook hands, Helms to return to Washington from the quarrel over. Now Helms is out of trans to traditive hadron the Rockafalland the government and Schort is gone

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stille legal deals left to bring an end to a that era.

"Actually, I thought it was an elegant solution," Schorr said of the Helms deal. "I was afraid they would let him go scot.free. That would have been inclegant. But this was one of these damned-fryou-do, damned-fryou-don't problems. What they worked out was a perfect bureaucrafic solution, and that's the kind of elegance I mean. They preserved the principle that these people are accountable for their actions. Justice is at least symbolically served. You really do have a feeling that it's unfair to hang a guy in 1977 for things that the were perfect," airight in 1955 or 1963. against the law, there has to be some, way to deal with it. Secrets are secrets, and there is a need for national security. But there was no way that Helms benefited personally from the things he might have done, it was easy for him to, ite. That was what he had always done, it that was what he had always done, a full har of the had always done, a full har of the had always done, a full har of the had a full things of the h

In a way, his whole life had been lived as a kind of lie. So you do have to see it from his point of view."

Schorr's own troubles, which culminated in his suspension from CBS after he gave the Village Voice a copy of a congressional report, seem clearly behind him now.

A Swinging Pendulum

back from disclosure, and I got knocked stood there as the pendulum swung security," he said. "I was there and I down by the pendulum. for disclosure and the need for national pendulum swinging between the need "In this country there is always a

Schorr remembered what Helms had said after visiting Nixon and getting the orders to deal with Salvador Allende in Chile. "He said, 'I walked out of Nixon's office with a marshal's baton in my knapsack.' In that sense, Helms was very much a symbol of his times. And that time is dead." Helms also was hit by that pendulum, when it was swinging in the other direction. "Helms was CIA at its most cloak and-dagger, its most arrogant, its most dedicated, its most insane," Schorr said. "But almost everything he did had the approval of every President from Eisenhower to Nixon."

There were probably grave dangers built into the CIA from its inception, Schorr said, when Bill Donovan was running the Office of Strategic Services and was forced to recruit academics for so many specialized tasks, including clandestine operations. clandestine operations.

"Lacked Sense of Limitations"

LSD tests happened. They heard, that the Russians had bought up all supplies of LSD and they wanted to know why. This was at a time when they were puzzled by the defectors in Koren, the behavior of people at some show trials in Mascow. So their mission was to disany sense of limitations. That's how the of work," Schorr slad, "But they lacked "They were exhibarated by that kind

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cover whether it was possible to alter behavior in any predictable way. The scientists, of course, said that if you were to have an accurate test, people could not know, because the power of suggestion might after the results. And so they decided that whatever it takes, a you do. And we know what happened."

Schorr sipped his drink. "There was an understanding that they could do anything they wanted to do. The congressional avanciation was stated.

FBI will soon return to the freewheeling habits of the past, because they have come to understand that sooner or later, in this democracy, dark deeds will leak. And, dispute the abuses, Schorr thinks that it's necessary to have an operation arm of the CIA, first to dispense money to various friendly groups, second to have the capability of intervention, "short of war."

"Always on the Wrong Side"

s ly nations are accounts. Spies are called assets. It identifies with American business is afraid of instability, so it supports military rulers. Left wing governments do unpredictable things.

The watter prought the check. Schovr had to catch an early plane for Boston. "Romember when John McCone, former director of CIA, wonth to the CIA, and offered them \$1.2 million to use against Allende? That was the same company (I'T') that was the same company (I'T') that was going to finance the Republican convention in San Diego for another million. It's part of the same attitude. A world where you buy your way. After all It was the same to the same attitude. cists? I think that it has something to those operations are always on the self. It calls itself the Company, Friendwrong side," he said. "Why always fasdo with the way the CIA perceives it "The terrible thing is that most of

gressional oversight committee was a loke. So they became people with a sense of mission but without a sense of limits."