

Dear Jim,

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Anthony Lewis' "Peace With Honor," NYTimes 6/3/74, added to the considerable and well-orchestrated play Szulc got on the appearance of his Foreign Affairs piece, convince me that my analysis is absolutely correct if the proof may never be available: he is CIA whether or not on the payroll.

This is to say, of course, of the "liberal" wing.

Almost every graf of the Lewis paraphrase says so.

I have no doubt about the facts or the interpretations. And I don't know where he got the documents.

He writes of the period only after the CIA had realized winning would be defeat and winning would be impossible anyway so why fight a loser?

Animus? Kissinger et al gutted the CIA's analysis branch on the spurious ground they were aging and not keeping up with the times. This meant no independent check on Kissinger's or the military's analyses. Both wanted it.

Source? Someone who wanted the stuff out and the way he could be expected to handle it, not just out.

Except that it is based on an official documents it tells us nothing we didn't know (from the Lewis account). The importance is in the organ and the timing, and the coincidence of Henry's blowing, while attributable to the obvious, is still a departure from Heinrich the Kool Kraut who blew only in private (or almost always and never like this). The timing was bad for his negotiating, too.

Glad you sent, thanks. Best,