

Ex-Envoy to Chile Denounces Leaks Discrediting Aides

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—The director general of the foreign service has expressed concern in the State Department's newsletter about "malicious or calculated" leaks aimed at discrediting high officials.

Nathaniel Davis, former Ambassador to Chile, wrote in his regular column in the monthly newsletter that there were three kinds of leaks.

The first, "the classic security breach," is not a major problem now, he said. The second kind, he said, involves information by responsible officers "to clarify policy or fact, to promote understanding, and reduce mischief."

"The greatest damage to constructive interchange between foreign service officers and the press results from the third kind of leak," he said. "This is the leak designed to cut down a superior or colleague, or to gain advantage in an internal policy question in dispute."

Mr. Davis's article did not specify which leaks had caused concern, but he has made clear in private his own unhappiness with articles printed recently on the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement in Chile while he was ambassador there.