Author Charges

CIA Agent Misled My Lai Planners

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Washington - (AP) - Author Seymour M. Hersh says an agent for the [CIA] misled the planners of the ill-starred 1968 attack on My Lai by telling them they would find a Viet Cong battalion there. The agent denies it.

.... Hersh, who won a Pulitzer Prize for breaking the My Lai story, identifies the agent in a new book ["Cover-Up," Random House, pub date 26 Mar 72] as Robert B. Ramsdell, now a private investigator in Orlando, Fla.