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Braden Replies to Colby

In his letter published in Outlook May 4, Director of Central Intelligence William Colby states that I once violated a secrecy agreement.

His reference is to a magazine article I wrote defending certain CIA operations. Every one of these operations had been "blown"; that is, each mentioned by me had already been the subject of expose, public debate and newspaper comment.

If Mr. Colby is right in his assertion that we now have a modern, responsible, accountable, objective and popular intelligence service, it ought not to be defended by a resort to the ad hominem particularly when the ad hominem is not true.

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