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> Hey everyone – in case you missed it, Mike German had a front page

>Outlook op-ed in the Washington Post today, you can view it here:

><http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/06/04/AR2005060400147.html>

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> By Danielle Brian and Martin Edwin Andersen

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> More than 30 years after helping to end a rogue presidency riddled with
>criminal acts, W. Mark Felt finally emerged last week to add a name, a face
>and a public record to the legacy of Watergate's Deep Throat, already
>America's most famous whistle-blower.

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> By all accounts, Felt was a "Type A" personality who was dedicated and
>loyal to his profession. Yet, once he became a whistle-blower, even an
>anonymous one, as Vanity Fair reported: "(Felt) lived in solitary dread,
>under constant threat of being summarily fired or even indicted, with no

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>colleagues in whom he could confide. He was completely isolated, having
>placed his career and his institution in jeopardy."

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> His fear was well-placed. Now even the media are questioning Felt's
>motivations, quoting such dubious authorities as the very people who went
>to jail over the Watergate scandal. The first instinct of government
>officials or politicians mired in scandal will almost always be to attack
>the credibility of the information source for that scandal.

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> Felt could have easily become a martyr to such attacks during the Nixon
>era. His decision to remain anonymous allowed him to help the media
>understand Nixon's abuse of power, while sidestepping what would
>undoubtedly be a distracting firestorm over his identity.

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> More recent whistle-blowers, particularly those who blow the whistle on
>threats to national security, have not been so lucky. In several cases,
>they have lost their jobs or their careers for their truth telling.

#4> Deep Throat's own FBI has been one agency that, in recent years,
>relentlessly roots out whistle-blowers. The FBI has promised to fire agent
>Robert Wright who, after Sept. 11, publicly raised his concerns about the
>bureau's failure to pursue and prosecute financiers of terrorism. His
>efforts to reform the FBI internally led the agency to lie. This, despite
>promises from FBI Director Robert Mueller that whistle-blowers would be
>protected following FBI whistle-blower Colleen Rowley's attempts to inform
>Congress of counter-terrorism enforcement failures.

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> Congress has neglected to provide a viable legal venue for these
>whistle-blowers to challenge retaliation. As a result, the reporters, too,
>are now under the gun from the courts over the identity protections that
>they give to their sources.

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> Despite this, our nation benefits in every era from officials who sound
>the alarm when the government has violated the public trust. In this era of
>increasing secrecy, when less is known about the government's decisions and
>activities, the public must depend even more on government employees to
>bring wrongdoing to light.

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