IV. PROFESSIONAL INSIGHTS

When Intelligence Made a Difference

Part V

Part V of the AFIO history project includes five articles.

Robert Clark contributes another article to AFIO on how Cuba attempted to deceive the US concerning the introduction of Soviet nuclear missiles in 1962. Industrial espionage has existed for a long time, as told in Joel Wickwire’s article of how New England industrialist Francis Cabot Lowell learned the secrets of the British textile industry and transferred them to the US. Jim Schnell tells the tale of how a Viet Cong operative seized the Danang City Hall in September 1964, months before the US Marines landed, and held it for nine days, using a HUMINT warning network of females in the streets. Senior editor Peter Oleson recounts the US Navy’s breaking of JN-25, the Imperial Japanese Navy’s operational code and the consequent battles of the Coral Sea and Midway. Before his passing, former colonel and University of Oklahoma emeritus professor John Fishel wrote of how intelligence was used to prevail in the long-lasting civil war in El Salvador.

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