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SUMMARY OF MAJOR MEDIA ITEMS ON INTELLIGENCE

Justice Investigation of Barbie Case. The Justice Department has said it will conduct a full investigation into allegations that the U.S. Government protected Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie after World War II and helped him escape to Bolivia. The department said an initial review of government files indicated that the assertions "have sufficient merit to warrant a comprehensive investigation." The investigation will also focus on evidence that Barbie was in the U.S. on several occasions in 1969 and 1970, according to department sources. The Senate Intelligence Committee has already begun looking into alleged links between Barbie and U.S. intelligence agencies. (NEW YORK TIMES, 15 March, p. A-4; WASHINGTON POST, 15 March, p. A-6)

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