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NOTE: In last week's column I said that it took the CIA's fairness complaint to the FCC to get ABC News to acknowledge that it might have been wrong in airing the charge that the CIA had plotted to murder Ronald Rewald. ABC aired its acknowledgement only hours after the CIA filed the complaint, but ABC had informed the CIA earlier that the statement would be aired. ABC says it did not have any advance knowledge of the complaint. The action was too little and too late, but I have no reason to doubt ABC's denial that it was prompted by the CIA complaint to the FCC.

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