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Former Chile ambassador rediscovers the world after Times 'correction'

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STONINGTON, Conn. — Edward M. Korry, who "retired from the world" in this small seacoast town several years ago, watched his resurrection gain momentum every time the telephone buzzed in his sparsely furnished office in the back of the library at nearby Connecticut College.

He was on the phone with a reporter from *Editor and Publisher* magazine, emphasizing his points by pounding his fist and jabbing at documents on his desk, as if the caller could see as well as hear. Minutes later, an editor from the *Wall Street Journal*, which has the largest circulation of any daily newspaper in the country, called him. The editor told Korry the *Journal* would be running a story about him Tuesday.

A smile spread across Korry's face as he hung. "They're running it tomorrow," he said. "I can't wait to see it."

Korry could be excused the smile. A bit of smugness. Because he had tried for seven years to tell the story of how his nine-year career as one of this country's top diplomats was destroyed. He couldn't get a job other than part-time teaching at the college. He had sold his house in New York and his wife's jewelry.

He was left with little more than his story: one of lies and spies, corrupt South American politicians and North American counterparts who weren't so different, careers and lives made and shattered. Big names. Big money.

No one who counted would listen.

NOT UNTIL last week, when the New York *Times* published what *Time* magazine, in its own story on Korry this week, described as "an extraordinary front page mea culpa... surely the longest correction ever published in the prestigious paper."

What the *Times* attempted to do, simply, was to say Korry has been telling the truth all these years. That as the U.S. ambassador to Chile from 1967 to 1971, he had nothing to do with secret CIA plans to overthrow Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens, a Marxist, when he came to power in 1970. In fact, the *Times* story supported Korry's contentions that he repeatedly tried to stop White House efforts to overthrow Allende.

Korry's telephone hasn't stopped ringing since the article appeared.

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