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### Links, News, and Commentary

The best-kept secret in Washington was revealed yesterday. W. Mark Felt, a high-ranking FBI official during the Nixon administration, was "Deep Throat" -- the source informing Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's reporting of the Watergate Scandal. Now 91, Felt's story was told in [Vanity Fair Magazine](#). Following are links, news, and commentary about the breaking story and Watergate.

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#### Links

- [Amazon: \*All the President's Men\*, by Carl Berstein and Bob Woodward](#)
  - [Amazon: "All the Presidents Men," starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman](#)
  - [FBI - Freedom of Information Act: Watergate](#)
  - [Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum: The Watergate Files](#)
  - [Infoplease: Watergate Affair](#)
  - [Nixon Presidential Materials: Watergate-Related Tapes](#)
  - [Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace: Public Papers of President Richard Nixon](#)
  - [Time Newsfile: Watergate](#)
  - [University of Texas: The Woodward and Bernstein Watergate Papers](#)
  - [Washington Post: Deep Throat Revealed](#)
  - [Washington Post: Revisiting Watergate](#)
  - [Wikipedia: Watergate Scandal](#)
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#### News

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein interviewed on Larry King Live  
"Tonight, a prime-time exclusive, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the reporters who broke the Watergate story that brought down a presidency, in their first live prime-time interview since they got scooped by their legendary source, Deep Throat, when he suddenly revealed the identity they'd all kept secret for 30 years."

(CNN News)  
[TRANSCRIPT](#)

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#### Los Angeles Times

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- + **Now They Tell Us: Washington Knew**  
*By Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"One day after the disclosure that former FBI Deputy Director W. Mark Felt was 'Deep Throat,' Washington was awash with claims from political celebrities that they'd known the identity of the secret source all along."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **'Deep Throat' Is Unmasked. Who Cares?**  
*Commentary By David Greenberg - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"The disclosure that W. Mark Felt, formerly the No. 2 official at the FBI, was Bob Woodward's famous Watergate source, 'Deep Throat,' has received a flurry of media attention normally reserved for such world-shattering events as a tsunami, the death of a pope or a runaway bride. Some perspective is in order."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Deep Thoughts**  
*Editorial - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"Until Tuesday, W. Mark Felt was one of the most famous anonymous people in America. As 'Deep Throat,' he was not merely the unnamed source who helped the Washington Post bring down a president, he was a mythic presence, standing for any selfless, conscience-stricken hero who ever worked to reveal wrongdoing in high places."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Watergate-Era Players Weigh In on Felt's Role**  
*By Johanna Neuman - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, a onetime speechwriter for President Nixon, provided the expected thunder on the right Wednesday, characterizing W. Mark Felt as 'dishonorable' for leaking information about Watergate to the Washington Post."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Possible Felt Tell-All Has the Book World Buzzing**  
*By Martin Miller - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"If W. Mark Felt, who outed himself this week as the almost mythic 'Deep Throat' of Watergate, writes a book as has been speculated, few believe it would ultimately be of great historic value. Other than the mystery that has long surrounded the identity of the Washington Post's informant, there is little else that isn't already known about the scandal that toppled the Nixon presidency, some academics said."  
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- + **Disgust and Admiration at FBI**  
*By Richard B. Schmitt and Greg Krikorian - Los Angeles Times - (June 02, 2005)*  
"Some past and present FBI agents said Wednesday that they felt uncomfortable with the

revelation that one of their own was the legendary 'Deep Throat,' who had helped the Washington Post uncover details of the Watergate break-in. One called it appalling."  
[FULL TEXT](#)

- + **Journalists See More to Story Than Secret Source**  
By James Rainey - *Los Angeles Times* - (June 01, 2005)  
"The long-awaited revelation of the identity of 'Deep Throat' should remind journalists and a sometimes-skeptical public of the crucial role anonymous sources can play in revealing wrongdoing in high places, an array of reporters and writers said Tuesday."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Watergate's 'Deep Throat' Is Revealed**  
By Richard B. Schmitt and T. Christian Miller - *Los Angeles Times* - (June 01, 2005)  
"W. Mark Felt, a former No. 2 man at the FBI, has revealed that he was the legendary source known as 'Deep Throat' who helped two Washington Post reporters expose details in the Watergate scandal that forced President Nixon to give up the White House."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Source Reflected the Era**  
By T. Christian Miller - *Los Angeles Times* - (June 01, 2005)  
"When investigative reporter Bob Woodward wanted to meet 'Deep Throat,' he'd move a flowerpot with a red flag to the rear of his apartment balcony."  
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## New York Times

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- + **Three Decades Later, 'Woodstein' Takes a Victory Lap**  
By Todd S. Purdum - *New York Times* - (June 03, 2005)  
"The writer Murray Kempton once called them the Tom and Huck of American journalism, and their surnames became a single, swashbuckling compound noun: Woodstein. Now Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein are together again, joined in a visibly affectionate, sometimes awkward embrace by the disclosure of Deep Throat's identity."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Woodward and Bernstein, Dynamic Duo, Together Again**  
By Alessandra Stanley - *New York Times* - (June 03, 2005)  
"It was like Simon sitting down with Garfunkel or Sonny returning to Cher. Woodward and Bernstein were sitting side by side, openly discussing the identity of Deep Throat. Starting on 'Today' and wending their way from 'Good Morning America' to 'Larry King Live,' the two Watergate reporters basked in the relief and reflected glory of giving name to their anonymous source at long last."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **In the Prelude to Publication, Intrigue Worthy of Deep Throat**  
By Todd S. Purdum and Jim Rutenberg - *New York Times* - (June 02, 2005)  
"This was not the way that Bob Woodward expected to tell the last chapter of the Watergate story that he and The Washington Post had owned for more than 30 years."  
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- + **Reporters Credit Felt With Keeping Story Alive**  
By David Johnston and David E. Rosenbaum - *New York Times* - (June 02, 2005)  
"Through the summer and fall of 1972, the F.B.I.'s investigation into the Watergate break-in seemed to sputter, and according to the reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, it might have died as a news story had it not been for W. Mark Felt."  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **Felt Is Praised as a Hero and Condemned as a Traitor**  
By Katharine Q. Seelye - *New York Times* - (June 02, 2005)  
"W. Mark Felt's disclosure that he was Deep Throat has sparked a debate about whether he should be praised as a hero for leaking information to The Washington Post or condemned as a traitor for going outside the legal system."  
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- + **Some Source Hunters Get to Take Bows of Their Own**  
By Anne E. Kornblut - *New York Times* - (June 02, 2005)  
"With the most tantalizing mystery in recent political history solved, the cottage industry of amateur detectives devoted to unclocking Deep Throat has turned to confront one of the last remaining questions: How did so many people guess so wildly wrong for such a long time?"  
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- + **Truth and Deceit**  
Op-Ed Column By Bob Herbert - *New York Times* - (June 02, 2005)  
"When he accepted the Republican nomination for president in 1968, Richard Nixon said, 'Let us begin by committing ourselves to the truth - to see it as it is, and tell it like it is - to find the truth, to speak the truth, and to live the truth.'"  
[FULL TEXT](#)
- + **'Deep Throat' Unmasks Himself as Ex-No. 2 Official at F.B.I.**  
By Todd S. Purdum - *New York Times* - (June 01, 2005)  
"Deep Throat, the mystery man who reigned as Washington's best-kept secret source for more than 30 years, was not just any shadowy, cigarette-smoking tipster in a raincoat. He was the No. 2 official of the F.B.I., W. Mark Felt, who helped The Washington Post unravel the Watergate scandal and the presidency of Richard M. Nixon, a feat that he lived to see disclosed on Tuesday, frail but smiling at 91."  
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+ **What Officials of Era Think of Revelation**

*The New York Times - (June 01, 2005)*

"Watergate-era officials spoke Tuesday about the disclosure that W. Mark Felt was the source for much of The Washington Post's reporting on the events leading to President Richard M. Nixon's resignation."

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+ **Used to Hoover's Imperious Demands, but Troubled by 'Switchblade Mentality'**

*By David Johnston - New York Times - (June 01, 2005)*

"William Mark Felt straddled two eras at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He rose through the ranks of the old bureau under J. Edgar Hoover's autocratic rule, thrived on Mr. Hoover's imperious demands and carried out the bureau's harsh campaign against political militants, approving break-ins at dissenters' homes."

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+ **Disclosure by Magazine Catches Post by Surprise**

*By Katharine Q. Seelye - New York Times - (June 01, 2005)*

"For 30 years, The Washington Post kept secret the identity of Deep Throat, waiting for the right moment to disclose the name of the person who helped the paper develop the biggest story in its history. Yesterday, the paper was scooped on Deep Throat's identity by a monthly magazine."

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+ **Introducing Deep Throat**

*Editorial - New York Times - (June 01, 2005)*

"And so after all these years, Deep Throat has stepped out from behind the curtain. The Washington Post has confirmed that it was W. Mark Felt, the second-ranking official in the F.B.I. during the Watergate investigation."

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+ **Former F.B.I. Official Says He Was Watergate's 'Deep Throat'**

*By Maria Newman - New York Times - (May 31, 2005)*

"In 'All the President's Men,' he was a shadowy figure in a parking lot advising Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to 'follow the money' in their journalistic investigation of the Watergate cover-up that ultimately brought down President Richard M. Nixon in 1974."

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## Orange County Register

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+ **Ex-FBI official reveals he's 'Deep Throat'**

*Associated Press - Orange County Register - (June 01, 2005)*

"Watergate whistleblower Deep Throat played a central role in one of the biggest White House scandals ever, helping bring down a president and inspire a political mystery so famous his nickname earned an entry in Webster's. Thirty years later, the source is secret no more."

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+ **"I'm the guy they called 'Deep Throat' "**

*From staff and news services - Orange Country Register - (June 01, 2005)*

"One of the great political mysteries of our time was solved Tuesday with the revelation that W. Mark Felt, a former No. 2 official at the FBI, was 'Deep Throat,' the secret source whose information was key to unraveling the Watergate scandal and bringing down the Nixon presidency."

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## Town Hall

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+ **Completing the Watergate picture**

*Column By Pat Buchanan - Town Hall - (June 03, 2005)*

"And so it turns out that the two most famous investigative reporters of all time were a pair of stenographers for an FBI hack who was ratting out President Nixon for passing him over as director."

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+ **Felt's motivation might not have been so noble**

*Column By Robert Novak - Town Hall - (June 02, 2005)*

"Mark Felt, finally revealed as the 'Deep Throat' who divulged the Watergate scandal, is wearing the hero's laurel 32 years later. But that designation comes across as peculiar to those of us who lived through the turbulent times."

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## Wall Street Journal

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+ **The Legend of Deep Throat**

*Column By Peggy Noonan - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal - (June 02, 2005)*

"Some wounds don't fully heal because they're too deep and cut too close to the bone. The story that Deep Throat was Mark Felt has torn open old wounds. Pat Buchanan, Robert Novak and Chuck Colson--all at the top of their game 30 years ago, all very much in the game today--were passionate in their criticism, saying Mr. Felt has little to be proud of, was unprofessional, harmed his country. Ben Stein was blunt: Mr. Felt "broke the law, broke his oath, and broke his code of ethics." Old Watergate hand Richard Ben-Veniste and the Washington Post's Richard Cohen called Mr. Felt a hero. The old battle lines fall into place. As to the higher themes of the story, some were credulous. On the 'Today' show yesterday Chris Matthews called those who have criticized Mr. Felt 'hacks and flacks,' whereas reporters 'are looking for

the truth' and can be trusted. Glad he cleared that up."

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+ **Deep Throat's Legacy**

*Editorial - Opinion Journal - Wall Street Journal - (June 02, 2005)*

"Congratulations to Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, for getting scooped this week on the story about their own Watergate source. Rather than betray the man who became known as Deep Throat, they managed to keep one of the great secrets in media history for 30 years, until the source first outed himself to another reporter. Their integrity is worth noting amid so many recent examples of lapsed media ethics."

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## Washington Post

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+ **The Secret That Didn't Reach Washington's Lips**

*By Sally Quinn - Washington Post - (June 03, 2005)*

"No. I did not know who Deep Throat was. And no, I never asked my husband, Ben Bradlee. Why not? For several reasons. I have too much pride, to begin with. I knew perfectly well Ben wouldn't tell me and I didn't want to be refused. Secondly, I . . . how shall I say this? . . . have a big mouth. It would have been a huge responsibility to know. It was also clear that if somebody else spilled the beans, fingers would be pointed at me."

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+ **Deep Silence On Redford Place**

*By Lynne Duke - Washington Post - (June 03, 2005)*

"A teenager sits on the curb, clutching a copy of 'All the President's Men' and rehearsing what she'll say when she gets up the courage to knock on Deep Throat's door."

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+ **Follow the Money: The Marketing Of Deep Throat**

*By Jennifer Frey - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"On Tuesday, an old man emerged from the shadows to solve a mystery that had long intrigued political experts, journalists and just plain Americans. Yesterday, as he was chauffeured away from his house in Santa Rosa, Calif., he rolled down his car window and jovially told reporters that he now plans to 'write a book or something and get all the money I can.' "

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+ **A 33-Year-Old Pledge Was Kept at a Price: The Post's Lost Scoop**

*By Howard Kurtz - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"How, after 33 years of secrecy, did The Washington Post get scooped on its own story about the tantalizing mystery of Deep Throat?"

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+ **How Mark Felt Became 'Deep Throat'**

*By Bob Woodward - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"In 1970, when I was serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and assigned to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, the chief of naval operations, I sometimes acted as a courier, taking documents to the White House."

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+ **Leaks Came Against Backdrop Of a Post-Hoover Power Struggle**

*By Michael Dobbs - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"The revelation that a senior FBI official was the secret Watergate source known as Deep Throat has rekindled a controversy about the role of the government bureaucracy in bringing down President Richard M. Nixon."

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+ **At FBI, Reflections On Felt and Loyalty**

*By Dan Eggen - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"When Bob Gast was a junior agent at FBI headquarters in the early 1970s, W. Mark Felt 'loomed large' as the bureau's second most powerful official and an acolyte of the legendary late director, J. Edgar Hoover."

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+ **Would Deep Throat Be a Hero in 2005?**

*Column By Howard Kurtz - Washington Post - (June 02, 2005)*

"Most people, I believe, would say yes. This was a guy who provided The Post with crucial information about a badly corrupt administration. Forget Hal Holbrook and moving the flower pot and meeting in the parking garage and all of that. Deep Throat concluded that since John Mitchell's Justice Department was itself corrupt, the only way to get the story out was to whisper it to Bob Woodward."

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+ **FBI's No. 2 Was 'Deep Throat'**

*By David Von Drehle - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"Deep Throat, the secret source whose insider guidance was vital to The Washington Post's groundbreaking coverage of the Watergate scandal, was a pillar of the FBI named W. Mark Felt. The Post confirmed yesterday."

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+ **Deep Background**

*By Paul Farhi - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"Vanity Fair's big scoop almost didn't happen. It started with a cold call two years ago from John D. O'Connor, a prominent lawyer in the San Francisco Bay area, to the magazine's editor, Graydon Carter. O'Connor, according to David Friend, an editor at the magazine, said he had a

client 'who is Deep Throat, and he wants to come out in the pages of Vanity Fair.' "

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+ **The Illuminating Experience of Being Kept in the Dark**

*By Hank Stuever - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"The idea of Deep Throat has slipped away. The man lives, according to Vanity Fair and confirmed by The Washington Post, reduced to just that -- an old man, W. Mark Felt, with his moldered and complete Washington résumé, including a presidential pardon, living with his daughter in California, allowed two glasses of wine with dinner."

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+ **A Brave Friend**

*Column By Richard Cohen - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"A long time ago I wrote a magazine piece about how Bob Woodward's famous source, 'Deep Throat,' could have been a mere Secret Service technician -- any one of several people detailed to keep Richard Nixon's secret White House taping system operating. I figured that anyone with access to the system could quickly learn all that mattered about the Watergate burglary: The president's men had done it and the president was covering it up. I showed the piece to Woodward, who would not say whether it was right or wrong, just that it made sense. We both knew, though, that 'Deep Throat' was Mark Felt."

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+ **Is Deep Throat a Hero or a Villain?**

*Column By Howard Kurtz - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

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+ **How Watergate Unfolded**

*By Eric Pianin - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"It began with a bungled burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex early on the morning of June 17, 1972, and the arrest of five suspects. A security guard named Frank Willis had discovered tape-covered door latches in a Watergate stairwell and had called the police."

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+ **Deep Throat Speaks**

*Editorial - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"For more than three decades Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein and former executive editor Benjamin C. Bradlee preserved an extraordinary secret: the identity of the source known as Deep Throat, who helped inform the stories The Post published in 1972 and 1973 exposing what became known as the Watergate scandal. They kept the secret despite extraordinary pressure on The Post from the White House, including charges that Deep Throat was an invention; through the hearings and impeachment proceedings that led to President Richard M. Nixon's resignation in August 1974; and despite endless speculation about the source's identity in the years afterward. Mr. Woodward, now a Post editor, and Mr. Bernstein, who no longer works here, said that they had made a commitment not to reveal Deep Throat's identity until after his death. Yesterday that pact was finally superseded by the publication of statements by W. Mark Felt, former deputy director of the FBI, confirming that he was Deep Throat. He revealed his role in part because of his family's belief that he deserves to be honored for his actions while he is alive."

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+ **Contemporaries Have Mixed Views**

*By Dan Morgan - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"Prominent figures from the Watergate era expressed a mixture of reactions yesterday, from shock to admiration, upon learning that the number two official at the FBI had guided Washington Post reporters investigating illegal activities by the Nixon administration."

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+ **Conflicted And Mum For Decades**

*By Dan Balz and R. Jeffrey Smith - Washington Post - (June 01, 2005)*

"W. Mark Felt always denied he was Deep Throat. 'It was not I and it is not I,' he told Washingtonian magazine in 1974, around the time that Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency in disgrace after a lengthy investigation and threat of impeachment, aided in no small part by the guidance Felt had provided to The Washington Post."

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## Washington Times

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+ **'Deep Throat' uncut**

*Op-Ed By Gary Aldrich - Washington Times - (June 03, 2005)*

"'Deep Throat' has at last come forward. Arguably the most notorious informant in recent history is former FBI official W. Mark Felt, and it's been confirmed by The Washington Post."

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+ **Former FBI official confirms he was 'Deep Throat'**

*By Jennifer Harper - Washington Times - (June 01, 2005)*

"The No. 2 man in the Nixon-era FBI has announced that he was the 'Deep Throat' who exposed key details of the Watergate scandal to The Washington Post more than three decades ago."

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