



FROM THE GULF OF TONKIN TO THE BALTIC SEA

Description

The secret and incomplete history of US-Norway collaboration in covert operations

Why Norway? In my account of the Biden Administration's decision to destroy the Nord Stream pipelines, why did much of the secret planning and training for the operation take place in Norway? And why were highly skilled seamen and technicians from the Norwegian Navy involved?

The simple answer is that the Norwegian Navy has a long and murky history of cooperation with American intelligence. Five months ago that teamwork—about which we still know very little—resulted in the destruction of two pipelines, on orders of President Biden, with international implications yet to be determined. And six decades ago, so the histories of those years have it, a small group of Norwegian seamen were entangled in a presidential deceit that led to an early—and bloody—turning point in the Vietnam war.

featured photo: Lyndon B. Johnson delivering his televised report on the Gulf of Tonkin incident, August 4, 1964.

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