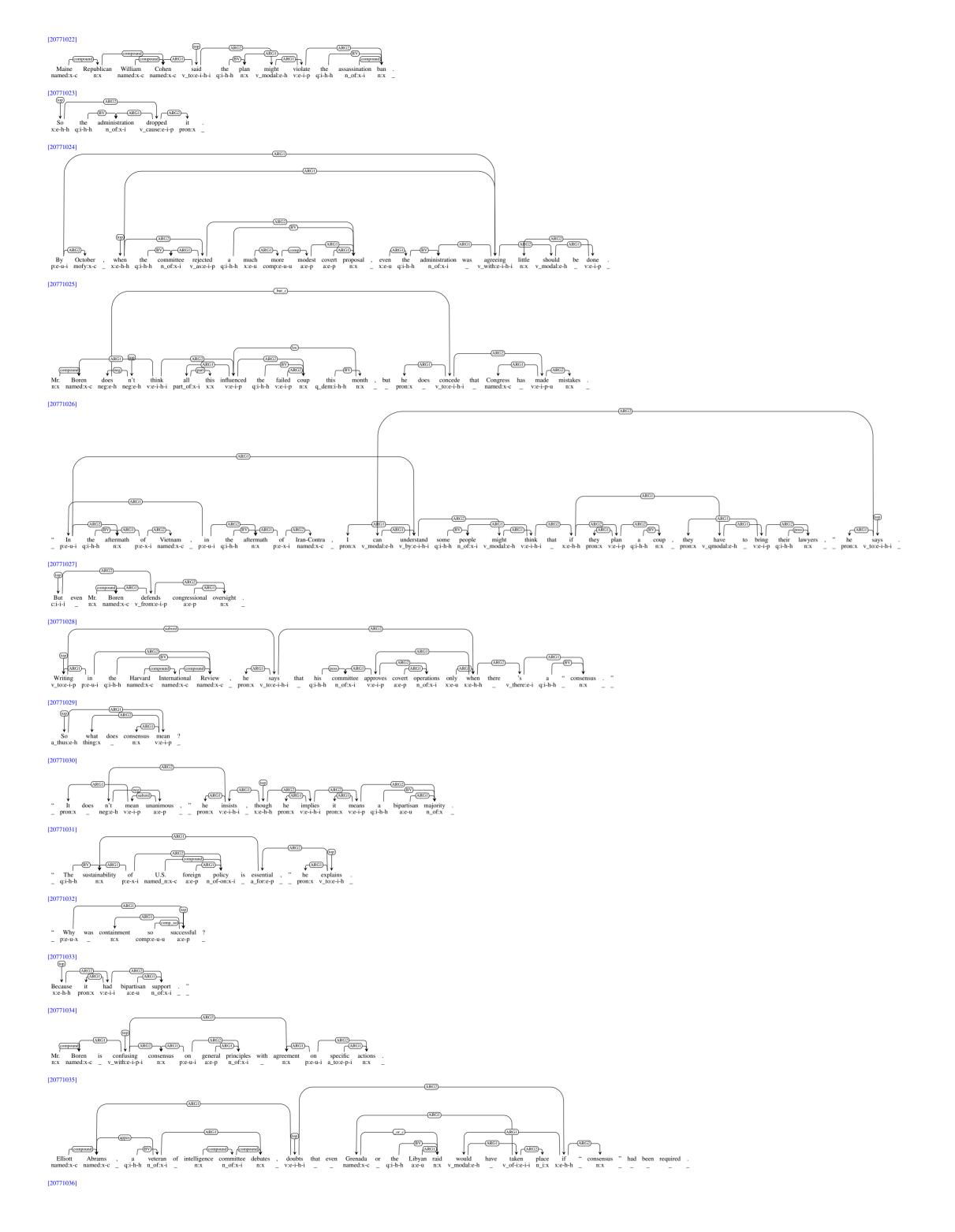
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did a good senator like this end up approving a policy that required the U.S. to warn Mr. Noriega of any coup plot against him q:i-h-h a_at-for-of-e-p-i n:x p:e-u-i x:x v_up:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of-on:x-i _ v_of:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h named_n:x-c _ v_of:e-i-p-i n:x named:x-c _ q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i p:e-u-i pron:x
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   , perhaps as a way of shifting blame for the Panama fiasco to Congress

p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c
   George Bush disclosed the policy last week by reading it to GOP senators , perhaps named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-p-i q:i-h-h n_of-on:x-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i v:e-i-i-i pron:x _ named_n:x-c n:x _ _ _ p
But the broader truth is more complicated – and dismaying c:i-i-i q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x _ comp:e-u-u a_for:e-p-i _ c:i-i-i v:e-i-p
                                                     ARGI ARGI ARGI
 The policy was contained in an exchange of letters last October between the Senate intelligence committee and the CIA a q:i-h-h n_of-on:x-i _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i n_of:x-i q:i-h-h mofy:x-c p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named_n:x-c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     and National Security Council c _ named:x-c named:x-c n_of:x-i
Staff lawyers for both sides were busy agreeing with one another about what the U.S. could not do to oust the Panamanian thug n_of:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-i-h v_on:e-p p:e-u-i recip_pro:x recip_pro:x p:e-u-i thing:x q:i-h-h named_n:x-c v_modal:e-h neg:e-h v:e-i-p x:e-h-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x
                   simply got carried away with interpreting what the executive order banning assassinations really meant a:e-e v_state:e-i-h v_away:e-i-i _ p:e-u-i v:e-i-p _ q:i-h-h _ n:x _ n_of:x _ v_from:e-i-p _ n_of:x-i _ a:e-h _ v:e-i-p _ ...
                            that David Boren should be in the center of this mire named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c v_modal:e-h _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ q_dem:i-h-h n:x
                               er Oklahoma governor , he 's a thoughtful defender of presidential powers in foreign policy .

p named:x-c n:x _ pron:x v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h a_of:e-p-i n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n_of-on:x-i _
He 's a rare Democratic hawk pron:x v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h a:e-p a:e-p n:x
 He 's the senator most like Arthur Vandenberg , the GOP senator from Michigan who worked to forge a bipartisan foreign policy in the 1940s . pron:x v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n:x a:e-e p:e-u-i named:x-c _q:i-h-h named_n:x-c _n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c _ v:e-i-p _q:i-h-h a:e-u _a:e-p _n_of-on:x-i _p:e-u-i q:i-h-h _y:ear_range:x-c _
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       Vandenberg and Rayburn are heroes of mine named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c v_ide-p-i n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i 
                                                                            (ARGI)
"They allowed this country to be credible pron:x v:e-i-i-h q_dem:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-u
 I really want to see that happen again . "pron:x a:e-h v:e-i-h v:e-i-h x:x v:e-i a:e-e _ _
 If this were 1949 , Mr. Boren might even succeed x:e-h-h x:x v_id:e-p-i yofc:x-c _ n:x named:x-c v_modal:e-h a:e-e v:e-i-p
 But in 1989 most senators have other ideas c:i-i-i p:e-u-i yofc:x-c q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-i a:e-i n_of:x-i
Last July , his committee rejected a Reagan administration plan to support a coup in Panama . q:i-h-h mofy:x-c _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_as:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c _ n_of:x-i n:x-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c _
  Ohio Democrat named:x-c n:x named:x-c n:x named:x-c v:e-i-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x v_modal:e-h v_state:e-i-i-h n_of:x-i v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:for:e-p n:x
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Vandenberg and Rayburn were named:x-c _ na
   The result is that the Senate committee has what amounts to veto power over every covert action q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_nv:e-i-h _ q:i-h-h named_n:x-c n_of:x-i v:e-i-i q:i-h-h v_to:e-i-i _ n:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x
                                                                                                                                                                                              quite a veto , " Mr. Boren demurs
i _ q:i-h-h n:x _ _ n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i .
    But would n't a president who acted despite Senate objections be taking grave political risks c:i-i-i neg:e-h neg:e-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p-u a:e-p a:e-p n_of:x-i _
    " He would , " agrees the chairman pron:x v_modal:e-h _ v_with:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i
    Mr. Boren even spies a silver lining n:x named:x-c a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:i-i n:x
  He figures the episode will help "clarify any ambiguities" between the committee and administration pron:x v:e-i-h q:i-h-h n:x v_to:e-i-h v_to:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n_of:x-i _
                                                                 ARG2
    He points to a letter on his desk , his second in a week from President Bush pron:x v_to:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n:x p:e-u-i n_of:x-i named:x-c
                                                                             , Mr. Boren hopes that Panama will shock Washington out of its fear of using military power named:x-c v:e-i-p named:x-c p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i v:e-i-p a:e-p n:x
"Maybe this will jolt us out of the post-Vietnam syndrome that we never are prepared to use force , " he says . a:e-h x:x v:e-i-p pron:x p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x-h pron:x a:e-h a:e-i-h v:e-i-p n:x pron:x v_to:e-i-h-i _
  (ARG2) (ARG1)
                                                            (ARG1)
  But it 's just as plausible to argue that if even David Boren can get mired in this sort of mess, the problem goes beyond legal interpretation c:i-i-i pron:x _ x:e-u _ a:e-p  x:e-h-h v_with:e-i-h-i _ x:e-h-h _ named:x-c named:x-c v_modal:e-h v_state:e-i-h v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q_dem:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n
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