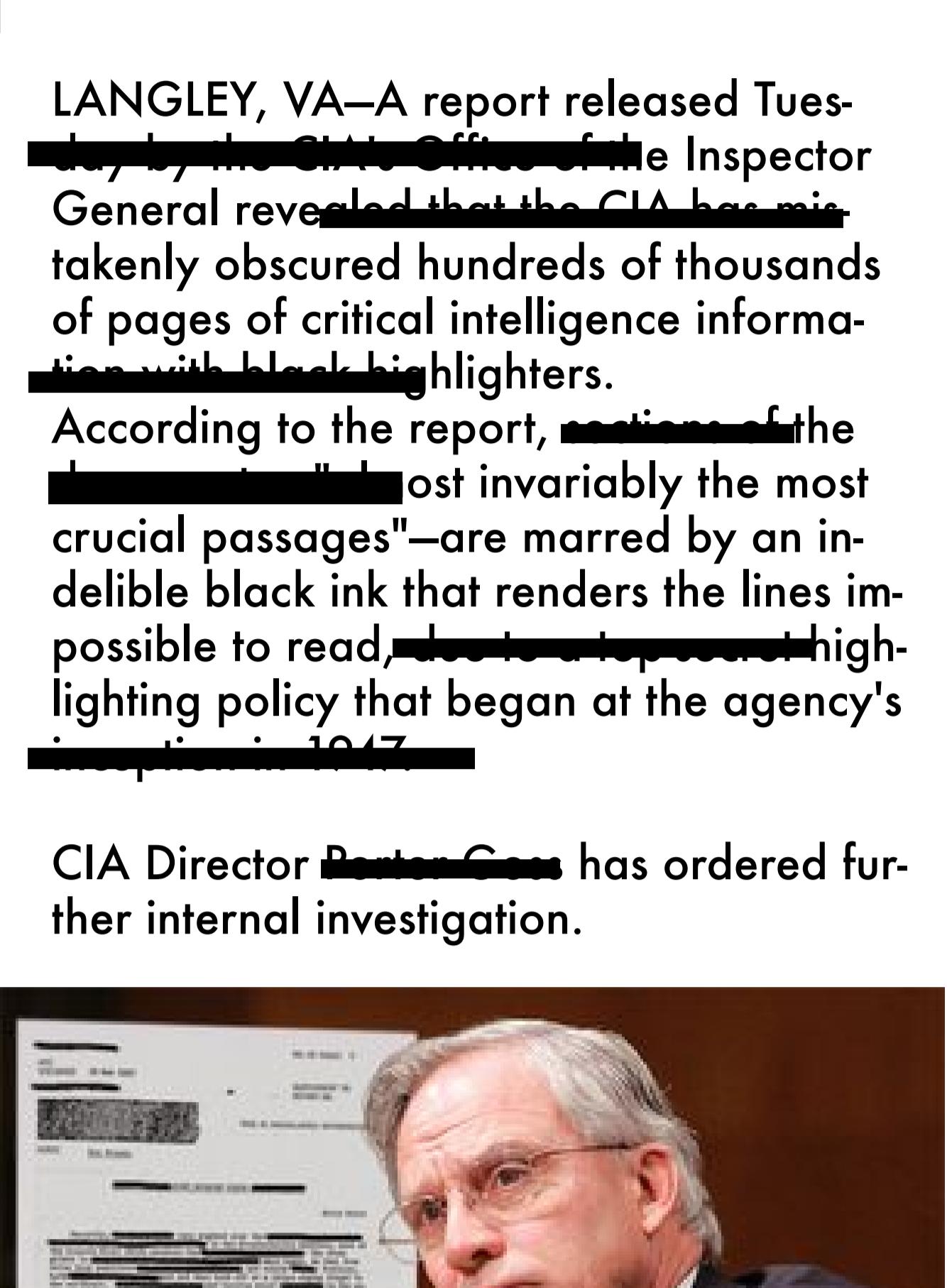


CIA Realizes It's Been Using Black Highlighters All These Years

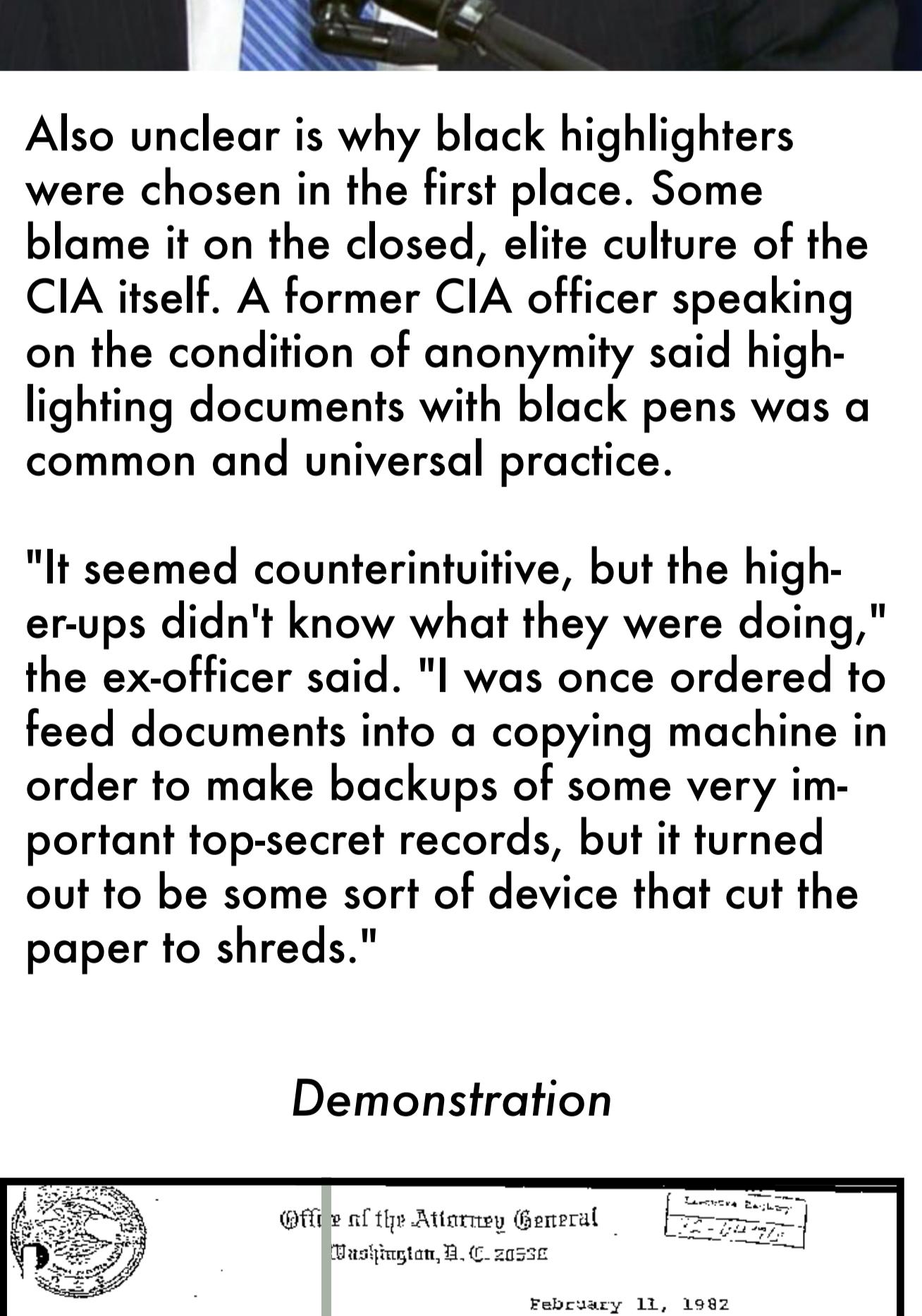
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LANGLEY, VA—A report released Tuesday by the CIA's Office of the Inspector General revealed that the CIA has mistakenly obscured hundreds of thousands of pages of critical intelligence information with black highlighters.

According to the report, sections of the [redacted] "most invariably the most crucial passages"—are marred by an indelible black ink that renders the lines impossible to read, due to a poor highlighting policy that began at the agency's inception in 1947.

CIA Director Porter Goss has ordered further internal investigation.



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"Why did it go on for this long, and this far?" said Goss in a press conference called shortly after the report's release. "I'm as frustrated as anyone. You can't read a single thing that's been highlighted. Had I been there to advise [former CIA director] Allen Dulles, I would have suggested the traditional yellow color—or pink."

Goss added: "There was probably some really, really important information in these documents."

The inspector general's report cited in particular the damage black highlighting did to documents concerning the assassination of John F. Kennedy, thousands of pages of which "are completely highlighted, from top to bottom margin." "It is unclear exactly why CIA bureaucrats sometimes chose to emphasize entire docu-

