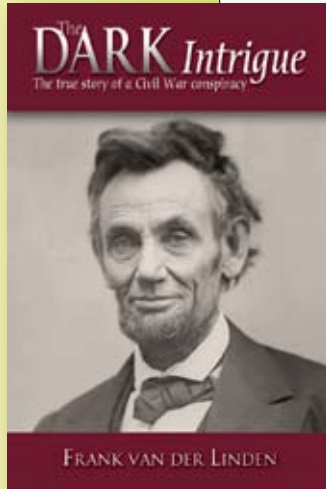


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Denver, CO (12/15/2007)—Most Northerners initially supported Abraham Lincoln's war against the Southern Confederacy to save the Union. Later, many turned against it when the death toll soared above half a million. Hoping to recapture the White House as a "peace party," leading Democrats met with Confederate agents in the summer of 1864 and discussed ways to end the war—not win it. Through the discovery of revealing letters, Frank van der Linden describes the individuals involved in the conspiracy and Lincoln's actions when his suspicions of these plans were confirmed.

While this previously untold account took place during Lincoln's presidency and the Civil War, many of the same sentiments and circumstances are happening in the United States today. As a former Washington newspaper correspondent, van der Linden hopes that the book will cause readers to reflect that perhaps simply branding a war as "a failure" may not be the best approach.

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and founding chair, The Lincoln Forum

Frank van der Linden became a Civil War historian after nearly half a century as a Washington newspaper correspondent. He first interviewed President Harry Truman at a poker party for congressional Democrats in 1945 and closed his White House career with President George H. W. Bush. He wrote a nationally syndicated column and appeared as a frequent guest panelist on *Meet the Press*. One of President Ronald Reagan's favorite correspondents, van der Linden profiled the president in his book *The Real Reagan*. He also wrote *Lincoln: The Road to War*, which received praise from reviewers as a "provocative" and thoroughly researched work of scholarship. He and his wife live in Bethesda, Maryland.

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