



“I’M THE GUY THEY CALLED DEEP THROAT”

Three decades of intense speculation, the identity of “Deep Throat”—the source who leaked key details of Nixon’s Watergate cover-up to Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein—has never been revealed. Now, at age 91, W. Mark Felt, number two at the F.B.I. in the early 70s, is finally admitting to that historic, anonymous role. In an exclusive, JOHN B. O’CONNOR puts a name and face on one of American democracy’s heroes, learning about the struggle between honor and duty that nearly led Felt to take his secret to the grave.



In a secret California meeting in August 1970, John Felt, a busy editor for the Washington Post and single mother, was contemplating divorce before leaving for the office. She stopped when she heard an unscrupulous lawyer had been fired there. Upon returning to the newsroom to a courtroom, Felt introduced himself as a journalist from The Washington Post. He asked if she could see her father, W. Mark Felt, who lived with her in her suburban Santa Monica home. “He said his name was Bob Woodward.” Woodward never did not register with Felt, and she assumed he was an official from a number of other reporters, who had believed that with a few more calls, she had the identity of the source of Felt’s information. Felt, diagnosed in the world’s best hospital, and his wife died in 1974. The journalist had all



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Portrait of Felt (left), W. Mark Felt, 91, in a red suit jacket, in Santa Monica, California. He is the only man and woman like to see the confidential source of Watergate.



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