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## BIS to the rescue



Will the BIS counterintelligence agency boast in its 2025 annual report next summer that it successfully prevented a move of the country toward Slovakia, Hungary or beyond by mounting a sophisticated information - or disinformation - operation against new MP Filip Turek of the Motorists a week after the parliamentary elections? BIS and other intelligence services are essentially the only ones able to "collect everything and hang on to it forever," so the biggest question is which one of them provided the compromising material to Deník N. If it had been the Russians, BIS Dir. Michal Koudelka most certainly would have made one of his famous proclamations about being under attack, given that one of BIS's stated jobs is to guard against attempts to sway public opinion. The campaign against Turek no doubt is such a case, but Koudelka is conspicuously silent. The most likely explanation, then, is that an intelligence operation against a politically incorrect Czech citizen is justified if the stakes are high enough.

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