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Body:	Good muse man!!!_____Author: Tim Wray/ARRB Composed: 12:08 PM TodayReply: Perhaps only a former military officer. . .fully appreciates the fact that Oliver North greatest transgression -- and the one for which there is no alibi, no forgiveness -- is that he broke the oath he swore on being commissioned, to wit: ". . .to support and defend the Constitution of the United States." Sorry, Manuel, but this oath allows no latitude for actions that circumvent the Constitution just because some zealot thinks his ends justify illegal, extra-Constitutional means. You very rarely find other military officers sticking up for Oliver North for precisely this reason. To me, those who argue the policy merits of what he did (and tried to do) and want to excuse his actions on "situational ethics" grounds miss the point: Ollie violated his most solemn oath and that, as every plebe at West Point and Annapolis learns very quickly, is not something that can be overlooked or waffled away. (And he compounded his sin by lying about his actions afterward, I might add. And I won't even mention his corruption with respect to the cash slush fund he kept in his closet or the gratis security system he got installed at his home. . . If he had worked in the Clinton White House instead of the Reagan one, I imagine that Rush Limbaugh would be baying at the moon trying to somehow blame all this on Hillary. But I digress.) Anyway, this is why Ollie North is now, and will forever remain, persona non grata within the US military. Don't hold your breath waiting for him ever to be a guest speaker at Annapolis, his own alma mater.
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