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**Operation High Roller**

**Raptors, Rolling pigeons,**

**Ecology and the Long Arm of the Law**

Read the article “Secret Agent Man” at the website below:

<https://www.backpacker.com/skills/secret-agent-man>

**Assignment:**

In three paragraphs or more answer the questions below:

1. Summarize the article and describe the problem.
2. Explain what a rolling pigeon is and why they are different from other birds.
3. Why are they more susceptible to hawk and falcon predation than other hobby birds?
4. What was the outcome of Operation High Roller?
5. What surprised you about this article?
6. If the USFWS numbers are correct, what impact might the killing of raptors had on the abundance of raptors in areas where the illegal practices were prevelant?