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Let X be a complex Banach space. Suppose A is a bounded operator on X such that the spectrum of A contained in a half plane away from the imaginary axis. Using the operator A , we construct a special compact operator with the spectrum lying on the imaginary axis of the complex plane. As an application, we show that for any bounded linear operator A on X with the spectrum contained in a right half plane away from the imaginary axis, there exists an operator B such that $AB + BA$ is of rank one. Further B can be selected such that $I + f(A)B$ is invertible for every analytic function defined on the spectrum of A . (Received February 23, 2007)