

C. I. A. MAN FEARS FADING OF VALUES

Angleton Quoted as Saying
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to Place Nation First

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—For 31 of his 57 years, James Angleton protected the Central Intelligence Agency's secrets and agents from prying foreign powers, and now he worries that the values that guided him have passed out of fashion.

After allegations that the agency's counterintelligence efforts also included illegal domestic espionage, he has resigned with a denial that he was in any way involved in the alleged domestic surveillance.

Here is a portrait of Mr. Angleton drawn from people who know him:

He joined the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor of the C.I.A., in World War II. He had entered Harvard Law School after graduating from Yale right before the war, but the outbreak of hostilities cut short his legal education, and he was never to return to academic life.

For much of his career, he matched wits with the intelligence agencies of other countries that were trying to spy on the United States just as the C.I.A. was spying on them. He served as head of counterintelligence since 1954.

Suspicious of Soviet

Out of this experience came a fundamental suspicion of the Soviet Union and particularly of the K.G.B., the Soviet version of the C.I.A.

Mr. Angleton, according to a person who knows him, was obsessed with the K.G.B. and its espionage potential. He was quick to spot its operatives posing as Soviet diplomats, and he kept posted on contacts between K.G.B. agents and representatives of other countries.

He became known as a hard-line cold warrior. Recently he was quoted as saying that the Communist world had not changed its goal of world domination, despite détente.

His speech is laced with references to military balances of power and what he perceives as

foreign threats to democracy and the security of the United States.

"When we went into the [intelligence] business, we thought of the country first," he was recently quoted by a friend as saying. "But things have changed now. People want their mortgages earlier, and personal security seems more important than service to the country."

Reflecting on his long career, he indicated an awareness that his view of the world was not necessarily shared by large segments of society. He told an acquaintance that his intelligence work was "a 31-year association in the cause of national security, which people no longer consider important."

He is known to have strong feelings about each of the six C.I.A. directors he served under. The late Allen W. Dulles was his favorite because of the talent that Mr. Dulles recruited for the agency.

John A. McCone, Mr. Dulles's successor, was a "great man," Mr. Angleton was quoted as saying. Richard Helms, the former director who has been linked to the C.I.A.'s alleged domestic espionage, also ranks high with him.

William E. Colby, the current chief, and Adm. William Radburn, who served briefly in the mid-nineteen sixties, are given lower ratings.

Mr. Angleton's greatest enthusiasm is reserved for James R. Schlesinger, the director for four months in 1972 and now Secretary of Defense.

He is said to admire Mr. Schlesinger's intellect and view of foreign powers.

"No one in the Cabinet more truly understands the perils that this country faces in terms of the balance of forces," Mr. Angleton reportedly said. "Schlesinger is the shield for this country."

Mr. Angleton once edited a poetry magazine in college, and a friend says that he was on personal terms with Ezra Pound, T. S. Eliot and E. E. Cummings.

Mr. Angleton's resignation was announced Monday at a meeting of C.I.A. officials. His superiors praised his record and said that his resignation was not connected with the allegations of domestic espionage.

Mr. Angleton, a six-footer with a professorial stoop, made a few remarks. He talked of his good wishes for the agency's future, and of duty, country, ethics and the law.