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## *Guineans Say Purged Official Testified He Had Worked for CIA*

DAKAR, Senegal—Diallo Telli, the Guinean justice minister arrested on charges of plotting to overthrow the Guinean government, has testified that he worked for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, according to a broadcast on Radio Conakry.

Telli, the first secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity from 1964 to 1972, said that the idea that he work for the CIA was first advanced in 1971 by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, then a Presidential National Security Adviser, the broadcast said.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said, "The charge is groundless, absurd." The U.S. embassy in Guinea will issue a strong denial, he said.

A number of senior officials in Guinea are being arrested in an internal government purge, and numerous unverified accusations are being made, a State Department source said.

CIA spokesmen were unavailable for comment.

According to the broadcast, Telli said he actually was recruited into the CIA in November, 1974, with the Liberian ambassador in Conakry acting as mediator, and that his job was to supply the U.S. government with information about Guinea's domestic politics.