

Suspended Agent Hints at Exposing CIA 'Blunders'

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The Des Moines Register and Minneapolis Tribune said yesterday in a dispatch from Washington that CIA agent Hans V. Toft indicates he has inside information about the Bay of Pigs, the Dominican Republic and Vietnamese operations that could create "embarrassing issues" for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Toft, who was suspended after papers were seized at his home here by CIA security officers July 24, wrote a letter to a friend at Mason

City, Iowa, Washington correspondent Clark Mollenhoff said in his story for the two papers.

Mollenhoff said that Toft wrote "that his analysis of the Bay of Pigs and serious blunders in the Dominican Republic and Vietnam" were among papers seized.

Mollenhoff wrote, "Toft indicated the CIA security raid on his home might have been motivated by a desire to seize the highly critical analyses."

The dispatch said Toft has written the friend, Charles E. Strickland, asking that he in-

form friends of Toft's to keep away from the CIA. The dispatch said:

"He indicated he had written an exposé and a resignation for personnel at the CIA, and anticipated a difficult and bitter fight."

Mollenhoff wrote that the letter included an attack on CIA director Richard Helms and implied that Helms was one of "those who planned and executed the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion."

Meanwhile Toft, a 55-year-old Danish born agent, revealed yesterday that he had been called before a CIA pan-

el investigating whether he had violated security. He said he demanded that Helms make a public statement explaining whether the CIA had fully searched American homes.

CIA's action in raiding his was over, he added. The whole thing lasted 10 minutes.

The CIA's version is that Toft's house was up for rent and a fellow CIA employee changed on secret CIA documents there while he was home hunting.

Toft has been suspended with pay from his \$25,000 a year position while the CIA probes the case.

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