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EDITORIAL

DR. WALTER H. JUDD, EDITOR, WASHINGTON: A London Sunday Times Probe of the activities of an Englishman, Ken Philbey, originally described as a defector to Soviet Russia, now turns up evidence that the Former Chief of Soviet Affairs in the British Intelligence Service was, in fact, a Communist Agent all during his service in Britain's employ.

The London Times reported this Fall that Philbey, who allegedly defected in person to Moscow in 1963, actually had been a Soviet Agent since he was ordered by his Red superiors to work his way into British Intelligence in 1934.

The Times Report also said that Philbey had occupied high and important positions before fleeing to Russia, including a period as liaison between the British Intelligence Service and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The Times charged that the ineptitude and blind faith on the part of his superiors had helped make it possible for Philbey, as a Soviet Agent, to work his way into key and important positions in the British Government. It is undenied that Philbey was in the British Intelligence Service for many years and that whatever information he had access to during that time has been available to the Soviet Union at least since 1963.

The implications of this to our own national security are far reaching, since the newspaper investigation turned up a here-to-fore secret report, prepared in Washington in 1956 by U.S. State Department Intelligence officers. That report was an assessment of the effect on British and American Intelligence Operations of the 1951 defection to Russia of British born office career Officers, Donald Mc Cain (?) and Guy Burgess(?). Philbey was instrumental it now appears in arranging the Mc Cain, Burgess defection.

The secret U.S. report confirms what many Americans have long suspected - that Mc Clain and Burgess delivered to Moscow proof that the United States during the Korean War, was determined not to take any military action against Red Chinese Bases under any circumstances.

General Douglas Mc Arthur and his closest advisors were convinced in the wake of the Korean War that Red China knew it enjoyed privileged immunity from United States or United Nations counterattack, During her intervention in the Korean struggle. Mc Clain held the post of First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington at the height of his Diplomatic Career. He and Burgess apparently aided by Philbey held trump cards in espionage against the West at the height of their combined careers as a Communist agents.

When informed of Mc Clain's defection, the then Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, was reported in the Press to have exclaimed in shocked dismay, "He knew everything!"

One is compelled to wonder how many more agents are being tolerated because of ineptitude or blind faith on the part of their superiors.