

CIA Searched For Own Spies In Bedrooms

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Washington, Jan. 21 (News Bureau) — The Central Intelligence Agency's beleaguered counter-intelligence division engaged in a widespread snooping campaign within the United States against CIA agents who did not live up to the agency's moral code. The News has learned

that reliable sources say that the division headed by James Angleton, who abruptly retired last month, put under surveillance CIA spies who had been turned in by co-workers because of their drift style.

One former government official told the News that a former security officer would come to the counterintelligence unit that they had been to be with a married agent.

Threatened With Expulsion
The source said counterintelligence agents would call in the offenders and confront them with a detailed accounting of where they had dined and slept and what they had said. The agents would be threatened with expulsion from the agency if they did not mend their ways.

Other sources argued that intelligence agents who carried on extramarital affairs were subject to blackmail and therefore were poor security risks.

Nevertheless, one source called Angleton's "Neanderthal" who was overly worried about security risks. Angleton and three top aides who quit this week were also reported to be concerned that Soviet spies not only had an easy time penetrating U.S. society, but might have infiltrated the CIA itself.

Defends Some Activities
The agency has been under attack for its domestic spying activities, supposedly barred by law when the CIA was established in 1947. But there have been "gray areas" and the CIA has contended that some activities in the U.S. against foreign agents to protect CIA sources were legal.

The News reported on June 10, 1972, that the CIA had targeted

a wide variety of American organizations including the Jewish fraternal groups B'nai B'rith for surveillance.

The agency's "dirty tricks" division, which specialized in clandestine operations such as wiretapping and break-ins, had been engaged in missions within the U.S. for more than five years, reliable sources said.

The spies have operated out of as many as 300 American cities, often using the supposedly overt "contact services" division as a front.

Tourists Interviewed
Contact services is supposed to concentrate on interviewing tourists who return from foreign countries. But in the late 1960s a bitter battle broke out between "overt" agents and the "clandestine" operators over who would control contact services offices.

The clandestine crowd lost, but set up a parallel organization instead, using contact services field offices.

President Ford is expected to offer his own views next week on the role the CIA should play within the U.S.

The current CIA director, William E. Colby, a former "dirty tricks" specialist, has submitted his own report to the chief executive on CIA domestic activities. His account is believed limited to a news article already published charges about illegal wiretapping and break-ins and is expected to raise more questions on Capitol Hill, where several committees are planning investigations.

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