

Jewel Theft Reported After CIA Agents Call

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The Central Intelligence Agency yesterday found itself in the midst of another controversy that involved a highly paid official and allegations of a jewel robbery.

Hans V. Tofte, an Agency expert in clandestine operations, notified Washington police that jewels, reportedly valued at about \$19,000, were missing from his home after two other CIA men visited his residence.

A CIA spokesman said the two agents had gone to Tofte's home to recover "exposed classified documents" that one of them accidentally had

spotted on a previous visit to look over the house, which was advertised for sale.

The CIA spokesman made his statement in response to a story in the Minneapolis Tribune and the Des Moines Register and Tribune by Washington correspondent Clark Mollenhoff.

Mollenhoff wrote that the reported jewel theft was creating new major problems for CIA Director Richard Helms, who recently was criticized in the Senate for praising a newspaper editorial critical of

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Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.).

Mollenhoff identified Tofte as a \$25,000-a-year employe of the CIA.

The CIA spokesman said that Tofte had listed his Georgetown home for sale with a realty firm, which arranged for another CIA employe, Kenneth R. Slocum, to see the property.

"Mr. Slocum was not aware of Mr. Tofte's agency affiliation at the time he visited the property," the CIA said.

Slocum was shown through the house by Tofte's mother-in-law on Saturday, July 23.

"During the course of the visit," the CIA spokesman said, "Mr. Slocum noticed by chance classified agency (CIA) material in one of the rooms being shown and reported this promptly to Agency security officials.

"Since the presence of exposed classified documents in a private home constitutes a violation of Agency security regulations, Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and Mr. Charles D. Speake, a security representative of this Agency, returned to the residence on Sunday, July 24.

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material. Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this Agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

"He was encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, which we understand is now investigating the reported loss. This agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the 7th Precinct in this investigation."