

# Jack Anderson's Washington Merry-go-round

—with Les Whitten

**WASHINGTON** — In contrast to the haphazard sex on Capitol Hill, the Central Intelligence Agency for years has conducted an elaborate and efficient sex operation.

Few national secrets have been more carefully guarded, but the CIA has provided kings, presidents, potentates and magistrates with female companionship. On a lower level, girls have been made available to defectors and the CIA's own agents.

Sometimes, the CIA's guests bring their own partners. More often, the agency selects girls from its vice files according to specification. The agency also provides "safe houses" where the liaisons can be consummated in protected privacy.

The CIA's sex shop, according to sources in a position to know, is run by the Office of Security. Although this division has many functions, it acts primarily as the CIA's internal police force.

Through field offices scattered around the country, the Office of Security maintains close ties with state and local police forces. In each field office, a "black book" is kept of the males and females who can be safely recruited to entertain the CIA's visitors.

The black books contain names, phone numbers and titillating details, which are gleaned largely from local vice squads. In Washington, for example,

CIA agents used to pay regular visits to the police department's vice squad to photograph documents.

The late Deputy Chief Roy E. Blich, who headed the "sex squad" for years, kept exhaustive records on "perverts" and "miscreants" around the country. He had a close, backroom relationship with the CIA, say our sources.

During the 1964-74 period, the sex operation was supervised by security director Harold Osborn. Some of his subordinates, according to our sources, regaled their friends with stories about the sex episodes they were privy to. As they told it, they were called upon to fill some occasional bizarre requests.

Each black book entry, according to sources with access to the files, contains some fascinating vital statistics — physical description, measurements, health status and sexual specialties.

This inside information is used to produce sexual partners for princes and potentates, defectors and agents. The congressional investigations of the CIA, however, skirted the sex operation. The House Intelligence Committee stumbled onto the information that the CIA once provided an unidentified Middle East monarch with female companions. We have learned that the king in question was Jordan's Hussein.

It's the CIA's own foreign agents, coming in from the cold, who make the most use of the "safe houses." When an undercover operative reports back to the

United States, he is whisked to a "safe house" and a "case officer" is assigned to watch over him.

The officer is supposed to keep his charge happy and to provide for his needs. If occasionally the need should be sexual, the right contact in the Office of Security is called upon, the black book is whipped out and the desired companion procured.

The CIA uses sex for an even more seamy purpose. As we reported over a year ago, the agency has used prostitutes to lure foreign diplomats into love traps where their sexual antics were filmed through one-way mirrors. The film was later used to blackmail the foreigners into becoming informants.

In New York, the CIA maintained adjoining efficiency apartments on the sixth floor of a high-rise building in Greenwich Village. On the wall of the blackmail apartment was a large painting of two ships. But the painting was actually a one-way mirror.

On the other side of the wall, CIA agents could watch the action through the see-through painting and film the most intimate moments. The painting was strategically placed so that it gave the CIA observers a full view of the sofa, which opened into a bed. A Japanese screen, implanted with microphones, provided the sound for the CIA's blackmail movies.

In San Francisco, the CIA operated a similar apartment equipped only with

bugging devices, not observation mirrors. The New York apartment was used from about 1960 to 1966, the San Francisco apartment from the late 1950s to about 1965.

Footnote: We confronted Harold Osborn with the facts about the sex operation. He denied that any such operation was conducted "during my tenure." A CIA spokesman had no comment. Our calls to the Washington police and Jordanian embassy had not been returned at presstime.

**WASHINGTON WHIRL:** At the end of a grueling day, President Ford takes a plunge in the White House pool to relieve the tensions. He usually manages to get into the pool about 8 p.m., but sometimes he doesn't make it until late at night. The murder in Lebanon last week of U.S. Ambassador Francis Meloy Jr., for example, upset the President and kept him at his desk later than usual. But a late-night swim helped to revive the exhausted and depressed Ford...

Before Myron Kuropas left the Action Agency to become President Ford's ethnic affairs adviser, he issued some intemperate instructions to his staff: "In view of the inordinate number of meetings being held by women during the past month, no additional meetings are to be held by women without prior authorization. . . ." He told us he regretted writing the memo. His intent, he said, was to get the women on his staff to work more and talk less.