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Spy Book Ordered Seized by French

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PARIS — A revealing spy story by former French secret service agent Philippe Thyraud de Vosjoli was ordered seized yesterday after a colleague claimed he was slanderously represented in the book as working for Moscow.

A Paris court ordered confiscation in France of the book "Lamia," in which De Vosjoli suggests that all French intelligence services — and even France's senior ministries — are riddled with Soviet agents.

The successful demand for seizure was made by Col.

Georges de Lannurien, a retired high official in the French counter-espionage service S.D.E.C.E. He said he would follow up his seizure suit with defamation charges against De Vosjoli.

De Vosjoli, who now lives in Florida, was head of the S.D.E.C.E. bureau in Washington in the early 1960s and his revelations to American author Leon Uris inspired the best-selling spy thriller "Topaz."

In "Lamia," published three years ago in English in the United States, De

Vosjoli tells how a prominent Soviet K.G.B official codenamed "Martel" fled to the West in 1963 with information on a Soviet spy network which had allegedly infiltrated the highest levels of French government.

De Vosjoli cited several people by name in his book of recollection, hinting strongly that they are Soviet agents. De Lannurien was among those named.

De Lannurien, who was posted at various times to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to Czechoslovakia, has stated that Georges Pompidou, then

prime minister, sent him to Washington in the early 1960s to investigate the "Martel" charges.

He said he even recommended that an independent inquiry be made by a high official outside the intelligence services.

"Lamia" was published in France for the first time in Canada last year. It has been sold in Belgium and only a small number of copies are known to have been sold in France.

The scope of yesterday's seizure order was therefore very limited, legal sources said.