

Kelley Says Spies Proliferate

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said yesterday that the number of visiting Communist-bloc officials who could be doubling as spies in the United States has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

"Our experience has shown us that a substantial number of these Soviet-bloc and Chinese officials are directly connected with their intelligence services," Kelley said.

"It must suffice to say that the intelligence initiatives of the Communist powers against the United States continue unabated," Kelley said.

"Their daily endeavors include the collection of military, economic, political, scientific and technical information for uses detrimental to our national defense and foreign policy," Kelley said.

Kelley made the statement in a speech prepared for delivery last night before the Lawyers Association of Kansas City.

"In the last 10 years," Kelley said, "the number of Soviet-bloc officials in the United States has increased more than 100 per cent, from 806 in July, 1966, to 1,955 in December, 1976," Kelley said.

"In the last two years the number of Soviet officials alone has increased 10 per cent," he said. "The People's Republic of China also has appreciably increased its official presence in the United States."

Kelley also said that is one of spies, intrigue and double-dealing.

The director said the FBI faces a growing problem of "neutralizing" hostile agents.

He quoted a statement made nearly a year ago by Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.) that a spy arrest of that time "swept away any illusions that Communist governments . . . have dropped their undercover work in this era of detente."