

FBI Director Says 1,000 Soviet-Bloc Spies Operate in U.S.

CHICAGO (AP)—FBI Director William H. Webster says there are about 1,900 Soviet-bloc spies operating in the United States, and Chicago is among their key targets.

"We have substantial foreign intelligence activity taking place in this city," Webster told 1,000 civic and business leaders Thursday. "They (spies) are here," he said, and their work "is not something that occurs only in a James Bond movie."

Webster said the number of agents from Soviet-bloc countries has doubled in the last 12 years. He said 100 spies arrived in the United States within the past three months.

"Serious efforts are being made against your companies" to obtain a variety of secrets, Webster told businessmen attending a law enforcement luncheon sponsored by the Chicago Crime Commission.

He said specific areas of interest to the spies are microelectronics, lasers, computers, nuclear energy and aerospace technology.

The FBI director urged stepped-up internal security measures by business and industry, saying spies will not hesitate to corrupt employees and use bribery or burglary to get what they want.

He declined to detail spy activity in Chicago because of the classified nature of FBI investigations, but he cited one recent case, that of William Kampiles, 23, of Munster, Ind.

In that case, "very valuable and rather critical information" was sold to two Soviet agents, Webster said.

A former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, Kampiles was arrested in August and is awaiting trial on charges he delivered a CIA document relating to a U.S. defense spy satellite to agents for \$3,000.