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Well, sirs (and madam), right off the bat it seems that I may once have worked for the CIA in a single, special job. Yup, and didn't know it, either.

But to the wall I'll insist it was a good project. Here is how it happened.

At the time of the "Kitchen" debate, when Khrushchev and Nixon talked about "peaceful competition", I didn't think either of them meant it and I did think it was a good idea. So, I decided to try to do something, something being to challenge the agriculture of the USSR to peaceful competition in chickens. Them against me. It seems more presumptuous than it was, but I didn't want to go off half-cocked. One of the cutsomers to whom I mentioned the idea was Bill Costello, who it now seems is a long-time associate of Tommy The Cork, aka as Chennault's man, among other things. Or, also in his own way CIA. Bill like the idea so much he phoned a friend of his in the USIA. Friend's only question seemed to be "How soon can he get here?" I got a ticket. \$5.00.

As I remember it Friend had a German accent, was in charge of the European desk, and was named Ralph Walter. This is the name in graph 3 for "the head of RFE's Munich headquarters then identified "as an agent of the CIA".

So, maybe Penn Jones was right in calling me an "agent"?

And I guess the best "agent" really is one who doesn't even know it himself! That's also got to be the best cover!

If I may for a minute switch roles and appear as a non-agent of an agent, can one infer that the CIA ran the USIA's European desk?

This piece mentions a Committee for a Free Europe, is about a Committee for a Free Asia, says they are both CIA, and if there is no mention further, let it be noted that there was also a Committee for a Free Cuba, it was CIA (\$500,000 yearly) and its flack was the "ullen agency of current notoriety in raising Creep money through 150 fronts and as an alleged employer of E. Howard Hunt (who was v.p. and director, not merely hired pen).

For those with the interest, JP has not yet ~~submitted~~ sent the index he says he made of my old foundations file. I have four envelopes of that file. He says this is all he had. I had more than he didn't have. If and when I get the index, I'll keep those envelopes separate in the event someone indexes the other files.

These include at least two series of articles, on in the New York Times, by or including Tom Wicker, and the famous-last-words one by Dan Kurzman in the Wash. Post. Kurzman's has much AFL-CIO stuff in it, includes an interview with Jay Lovestone, and more of this will appear, I hope soon, as a book made from a doctoral thesis I was able to persuade a young man, now a professor of history, to do perhaps ten years ago.