Soviet U.N. Official Had Contact With FBI, CIA?

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ranking Soviet U.N. official who has place in the past, and that Shevrefused to return home, had been in chenko had suggested recently that contact during the last several years he could provide important informawith intelligence officers of both the tion about a person the FBI believes. FBI and the CIA, according to a for- has been a reliable source of informer intelligence officer familiar with mation in the past. the matter.

gree of cooperation" on the part of tion in the past.

knowledgeable government source double agent, intentionally planting that, as reported in the current issue false information with the FBI at beof Time magazine, Shevehenko has half of the Soviet intelligence agency. offered to provide, for a reported the KGB. \$100,000 a year, information about Although government sources whether a man who has cooperated would not officially comment on this gence agents.

Shevchenko, the undersecretary- was a valuable asset to the FBI or, in general for the department of politifact, a KGB plant. cal and Security Council affairs and Ernest A. Gross, a lawyer who the highest ranking Soviet citizen at represents Shevchenko, said last the U.N. Secretariat, refused a re-night that he was in no position to quest from Moscow to return home comment on the allegations because but has not formally sought political "they are completely outside of the asylum in the United States nor has scope of my knowledge and responsible resigned his root at the United Na. bility." he resigned his post at the United Na- bility.

and the State Department all refused State Department. Tom Reston, a yesterday to comment on the report State Department spokesman, said, in Time, which said that Shevchenko "We do not comment on intelligence had been talking secretly with U.S. matters." Herbert Hetu, a spokes-intelligence officers for two years be man for the CIA, said, "I just don't

One source familiar with the situation, however, said that there was no Arkady N. Shevchenko, the high- question that contacts had taken

This person, who is known by the The officer would not elaborate on code name "Fedora;" has been rethe precise nature of the contact, but garded by the FBI as a "deep plant" said that it had involved "some de- who has provided valuable informa-

Shevchenko, 47, and had been more Others in the intelligence than a series of informal, casual con-community, however, have voiced tacts. Skepticism about "Fedora," and In addition, it was learned from a have suggested that he might be a

with the FBI in the past is a source of yesterday, a person familiar with the legitimate information or "disinfor-mation" planted by Soviet intelli-gence agents. "Fedora"

He said that any comment on the Spokesmen for the FBI, the CIA matter would have to come from the have anything to say about that."