

The CIA Widows

... I commend you for transferring to the public knowledge of what went on behind the scenes of the CIA [*The Strange Case of the CIA Widows*, Look, June 30]. Little did I know that the U.S. Government could suppress information from . . . relatives of the faithful workers of our country....

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. . . the authors . . . do not seem to understand that there is a difference between the armed forces of a country and its spy system, or department of dirty tricks, if you prefer. . . . It should not be necessary to say that secrecy is essential to the functioning of an underground. . . . If we do not wish to lose completely in the power struggle between the free and the Communist countries, we are going to have to curb our curiosity a little. . . .

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... I am one of the Cuban pilots who participated in what we consider the first armed action against communism in this hemisphere. . . . I was sent in the first daylight mission, piloting a DC-4 aircraft with the absolute assurance that . . . we were going to be intercepted and covered by jets from a nearby carrier. We approached the coast and performed the "dropping" under heavy anti-aircraft fire. I then talked with one of the American pilots by the name of Riley Shamburger, who urged me to turn back, due to . . . enemy fighters which he and the other American pilots had encountered. "This is worse than Korea," were his last words, and then he was cut off. . . .

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