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Ex-Agent Says CIA Ties Allow Watch of Millions

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The London Times published an article today by a self-identified former CIA agent, who suggested that in the age of the computer readout it can fairly be said that the agency spies on as many as 100 million Americans.

Miles Copeland, who lives in London, wrote that "now there is a fuss about a mere 10,000 names." But he said through computers and exchanges with other agencies, the CIA has access to virtually all U.S. files on private citizens.

He said this includes the Internal Revenue Service with 78 million names, the Veterans Administration with 15 million, the FBI's fingerprint records with 160 million, and the Secret Service with 150,000.

Allowing for overlaps, and given the looseness with which labels are being applied to various CIA activities these days, it might fairly be said that the CIA "investigates" or "spies on 100 million Americans," he said.

Copeland's book, "The Real Spy World," will be published here next month.