

Ex-TV Reporter ^{CIA (D)}
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Spied for the FBI

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A former television correspondent has told the Senate intelligence committee that, while covering the United Nations in the late 1950s and early 1960s, he also reported regularly to the FBI on the activities of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

The former correspondent, Sam A. Jaffe, confirmed in a telephone interview yesterday that he had begun his relationship with the FBI as an unpaid informant in the early 1950s at the FBI's behest and had worked in that capacity during his subsequent career with CBS and, to a lesser extent, after joining ABC.

He worked for CBS from 1955 to 1961 and then for ABC until 1965.

The substance and accuracy of Jaffe's testimony before Senate investigators was confirmed by authoritative sources.

There have been news reports over the last two years of the CIA's use of newsmen to gather intelligence abroad, but Jaffe's case is the first instance, thus far, of a full-time reporter for a major news-gathering organization having acted as an informant for the FBI. [COMPARE NYT]

Clarence M. Kelley, the FBI director, told a group of reporters at a breakfast meeting yesterday that although the bureau, to his knowledge, now had no informants posing as representatives of news gathering organizations, "We've had friendly newspaper people who might, on occasion, help us."

Jaffe said that he believed that he was first approached by two FBI agents from the bureau's New York City office about reporting on the Soviet diplomats stationed there sometime during his tenure as a correspondent for Life magazine between 1952 and 1955.

Jaffe said that he has been unable to find a full-time job in journalism for the last seven years, a fact he attributes to a reported allegation by a Soviet intelligence agent who defected to the United States in 1964 that Jaffe had once worked for the Soviet intelligence service.

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