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56 Agents Named

LONDON, March 4 (Reuters). —The names of 56 alleged U.S. intelligence agents in Britain were published today by a Trotskyist magazine whose avowed aim is "to further disrupt the work of the CIA."

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said that Mrs. Armstrong was briefed on the reports of the publication last night.

But he said that the embassy would have "no comment on this kind of story."

The small Trotskyist magazine, "Red Weekly," printed what it claimed was the most complete list yet of U.S. intelligence employees in a single foreign center. It contained the names of the purported agents along with home addresses, office numbers and phone extensions.

Ten of those named were said to report to the National Security Agency, a unit of the Defense Department.

The others were mostly names not previously published, including some alleged CIA employees sent to replace others who had been exposed.

The newspaper said that it obtained its information from "sources inside the embassy."

A series of such exposés around Europe earlier this year led to an international controversy following the shooting in Athens of Richard Welch, who had been identified as a senior CIA agent in Greece.