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U.S. AGENT TELLS OF DUPING SOVIET

Describes Work for F.B.I. to House Anti-Red Panel

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WASHINGTON, April 6 —

A double agent who pretended to spy for the Soviet Union while working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation told Congress today that the Russians had frequently warned him of danger by sticking chewing gum on his mailbox.

"For all anybody knew, that chewing gum could have been stuck there by a kid, but I knew what it meant," John Huminik of suburban Washington said.

Mr. Huminik, a 31-year-old American scientist and engineer, was the first witness as a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, newly armed with a \$350,000 investigating budget, opened hearings into Communist espionage in the United States.

Mr. Huminik's double agent role came to light last fall when the State Department expelled a Soviet diplomat on charges of spying.

Something Over \$5,000

The F.B.I. said that the diplomat, Valentin A. Revin, third secretary of the Soviet Embassy, had paid Mr. Huminik "something over \$5,000" in an effort to obtain secret information on the United States space program, missiles and aircraft.

Bureau officials said that Mr. Huminik had kept them fully informed during his more than five years of contacts with Soviet officials here.

In his day-long testimony before the subcommittee, Mr. Huminik eagerly detailed his years as a double agent and displayed gifts that he said the Russians had given him—Midnight in Moscow perfume for his wife, an unopened bottle of vodka, picture calendars, little address books and diaries, an expensive gold watch and a camera with a tripod.

He told of clandestine meetings in fashionable restaurants, of contacts made through jottings in the yellow pages of directories in designated telephone booths and of "dead drops" for the pick-up of secret data.

He said that once he was to leave data beside a "no dumping" sign in a cleared area. Instead, he said, he left it beside a nearby sign in a briar patch so his Soviet contact "would get all scratched up."

He said that the sticking of chewing gum on his mailbox was just one of several prearranged signals that danger was afoot. Another, he said, was the adjusting of one's necktie when arriving for a clandestine meeting.