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WASHINGTON, MARCH 2 (AP)-INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A POLISH DEFECTOR HAS LED TO THE ARREST IN SOME CASES OF IMPORTANT SOVIET BLOC AGENTS OPERATING AGAINST THE WESTERN WORLD OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

THE DEFECTOR IS MICHAL GOLENIEWSKI, 41, A POLISH-BORN AGENT, WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1961. HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN POLAND SINCE 1958.

HE HAS PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THIS COUNTRY WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND FULLY CHECKED OUT.

THE NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN REPORTED TODAY THAT A DEFECTOR BY THE NAME OF MICHAL GOLENIEWSKI FROM THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE HAS INFORMED U.S. OFFICIALS THAT MOSCOW HAS PLACED ACTIVE "CELLS" IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS LEARNED HOWEVER THAT INFORMATION IN THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN STORY WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION THE DEFECTOR HAD GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN SAID GOLENIEWSKI WAS A HIGH-RANKING OPERATIVE IN RUSSIA'S KGB UNTIL HIS DEFECTION IN 1961 AND THAT HE WAS SURE THE "CELLS" HE DESCRIBED ARE STILL OPERATING IN THE TWO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

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THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN ACCOUNT, WRITTEN BY GUY RICHARDS, SAID OF THE DEFECTOR:

"HE HAS NAMED NAMES. HE HAS PROVIDED WASHINGTON WITH DETAILS OF WHAT LOOMS AS A GREATER SCANDAL THAN THE FAMOUS ALGER HISS CASE."

THE STORY LISTED THESE DISCLOSURES SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY GOLENIEWSKI:

--"APPROXIMATELY \$1.2-MILLION OF CIA FUNDS IN VIENNA RECENTLY WAS PASSED SECRETLY ALONG TO THE COMMUNISTS--ONE-THIRD TO KGB (THE SOVIET SECRET POLICE), ONE-THIRD TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND ONE-THIRD TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY).

--"THREE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WITH ACCESS TO DEFENSE SECRETS ARE WORKING FOR THE KGB. THEY HAVE TIES TO OTHERS IN THE SAME CATEGORY WHOSE IDENTITIES ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM. BUT HE HAS CLUES TO A NUMBER OF THEM.

--"KGB HAS BEEN ABLE TO INFILTRATE ALL AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN IMPORTANT CITIES ABROAD AND 'EVERY U.S. AGENCY EXCEPT THE FBI.'

--"LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, HAS BEEN DONE TO RUN DOWN OR CLEAN OUT THE KGB MEN ON AMERICAN PAYROLLS THOUGH HE FED THE FACTS AND EXPOSURES ON THEM TO THE CIA, STARTING IN 1960.

--"INSTEAD OF HAVING HIS INFORMATION USED FOR THE CLEAN-OUT JOB HE CAME HERE FOR, HE CHARGES, HE HAS BEEN THWARTED BY AMATEURS AND 'STALINISTS' IN THE CIA AND EVEN KEPT FROM COMMUNICATING HIS PLIGHT TO RESPONSIBLE HIGHER OFFICIALS HERE."

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