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Philip Agee Replies to Two Columns

I have just seen for the first time the Anderson/Whitten columns about me that were published in The Post last month. Although Mr. Anderson spoke to me prior to publication of each column, both contain serious inaccuracies too lengthy to discuss here.

While I cannot send written denials of the Anderson/Whitten implications to every newspaper that carries the column, I do want to deny to The Post that representatives of the Cuban or any other government influenced what was included in or excluded from my book. Similarly, there is no truth to the suggestion that I am "under Cuban discipline" or that of any other government or political party.

Unfortunately and surely unwittingly Messrs. Anderson and Whitten have been used for an old-fashioned red-bait. They and their "sources" might reflect on the legalities of CIA propaganda operations within the U.S. which, in this case, suggest several purposes: 1) to counteract the fair media treatment I and my book

have received in the U.S. and other countries; 2) to prepare public opinion for outlawing publication of my book in the U.S. even though it is freely available throughout the world; 3) to intimidate other ex-employees from exposing CIA operations and still others with whom I am working to expose CIA people abroad to help prevent tomorrow's Vietnams and Chiles.

The two columns by Messrs Anderson and Whitten have upset negotiations for U.S. publication and have delayed still more the appearance of my book in the U.S. One would have expected these journalists to have aided the free flow of information, especially as the accuracy of my book was confirmed by the CIA "sources." On the contrary, they have aided the CIA and helped deny to the American public the right to read what The Post's reviewer, among many described as the most complete description yet of what CIA does abroad.

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