

CIA Critic Says He Won't Be Back

Washington

Philip Agee, a former Central Intelligence Agency agent and author of a book on the CIA, says he has decided against returning to the United States.

In a statement released here yesterday, Agee, who has been living in Britain, said his decision was prompted by the Justice Department's refusal to say whether it intends to prosecute him in connection with disclosure of CIA secrets.

Agee, whose book "Inside the Company: CIA Diary" included names of CIA undercover operatives in Latin America, said he was concerned that if he returned he could risk "a long and costly trial of a political nature."

The former spy added that even if he is not prosecuted "at the very least I would be enjoined by court order from speaking or writing about the CIA except when the CIA might give prior approval."

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