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CIA Love Traps Here and in N.Y.



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FOR YEARS, the Central Intelligence Agency operated love traps in New York and San Francisco, where foreign diplomats were lured by prostitutes in the pay of the CIA.

Through hidden one-way mirrors, CIA agents filmed the sexual adventures and later tried to blackmail the victims into becoming informants.

The stranger-than-fiction story of the blackmail operation is one of the secrets which the CIA is frantically trying to hide from congressional investigators. But we have uncovered the details and will be happy to furnish Congress with the evidence.

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SIGNIFICANTLY, the CIA used the old Bureau of Narcotics as a cover for the bizarre sex set-up. In both cities, narcotics agents rented and maintained adjoining efficiency apartments. It was their responsibility to make sure the blackmail apartment had a lived-in look and was kept stocked with food and liquor, so the victims wouldn't become suspicious.

In San Francisco, the blackmail apartment was opened in the late 1950s and closed about 1965. It was equipped only with bugging devices, not observation mirrors. The New York operation lasted from about 1960 to 1966.

On the East Coast the dual efficiency

apartments were located on the sixth floor of a high-rise apartment building in Greenwich Village. On the wall of the blackmail apartment was hung a large painting of two ships. But the painting was actually a Mission Impossible-style one-way mirror.

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ON THE OTHER SIDE of the wall, CIA agents could watch the action through the see-through painting and film the most intimate moments. The painting was strategically placed so that it gave the CIA observers a full view of the sofa, which opened into a bed. A Japanese screen, implanted with microphones, provided the sound for the CIA's blackmail movies.

To stage the shows, both male and female prostitutes with a variety of sexual skills were used.

Footnote: The narcs used the apartments when the CIA didn't need them. They would be advised to stay away on certain nights. The monthly rent for the dual Greenwich Village apartments was \$160 each. The rent, food and liquor bills were paid out of a special checking account in a bank near the New York narcotics office. Our associate Bob Owens contacted a CIA spokesman who said the agency had "never heard of this."

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